



IMPORTANT DATES

Swim & Tennis Sign-Ups
 Sunday, April 19th
 1:30-3:30pm
 Troy Community Center

Spring Cleanup
 Saturday, May 2nd
 8am until Noon
 Rain Date - May 9th

Wine & Cheese
 New Member Reception
 May 20th 7pm @ Beach-
 wood
 Followed by a Town Hall
 Meeting for all members
 At 7:30pm

Friday, May 22nd 4pm

BEACHWOOD
 OPENS!

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As some of you may know, I will be serving the remainder of Glenn Ruther's term which is scheduled to end in November 2009. At this time I want to extend a sincere thank you to Glenn for the work he did on the club last spring and throughout his term. Beachwood has never looked better and the investment we made as members of the club was well rewarded. It is also important to note that despite spending a significant amount of money last year, Beachwood is in very stable financial condition, and we have a waitlist of over 150 families.

As I write this on Saturday, February 7th, it is 50 degrees and sunny. It reminds me that summer is not that far away. As always, we plan to open on Memorial Day weekend this year, and I am confident we will be ready to go. Jim Slaughter will be returning as the club manager. Jim is currently in the process of filling out his staff. We will be adding some staff to the Concierge function of the club this year in an effort to control the administration and management of the club more effectively. If you have any thoughts on staffing our club operations, please feel free to drop me a line. The assistant manager is Mike Solomich. Mike is a student at Northwood University, pursuing a financial management degree. He was an assistant manager at BWRA last year, and we look forward to his positive input helping Jim manage a new staff at Beachwood.

The 32nd BWRA annual meeting was held in November, 2008 at the Troy Community Center. At that time, Pat O'Neill, Phil Labelle, Kathleen Steinberger, Kyle Jones and Teri Brune were elected to the board. In addition it was decided by the board that I would serve out the remainder of Glenn's term. Nancy Kolar, Glenn Ruther, Euniece Dorland and Sandy Abowd 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 other than the approval of the Senior Affiliates program for 2009.

Anyone interested in running for a position on the board should contact our secretary (Pat O'Neill) and have your name placed on the ballot, next November.

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.

Any questions or concerns please email or call me, thank you.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This should be another great summer at Beachwood. The improvements that were made last year were very well received, and the club looked great.

We welcome back Jim Slaughter as our Club Manager. Jim did a great job last year. He promises to make this another enjoyable year for you and your family.

We will 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 to find out about ways to get involved. The Reception is open to all members. Please come and help welcome our new members.


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. We have been compiling e-mails and created 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 send me an e-mail at jrice44@wowway.com so I can update our list. Also, please visit the website, throughout the year, for updates related to Beachwood.

Beachwood's success is based on the dedication of our member families, staff and board. There are many opportunities for you to help keep Beachwood a summer haven for all of us. We need your involvement, thoughts and ideas. Please let us know what you think.

Thank you for allowing me to serve on your board.


John Rice
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SPRING CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, MAY 2ND 8AM-NOON



Spring Clean-up is Saturday, May 2nd from 8am—Noon. In the event of severe weather (a light sprinkle is not severe weather), the back-up date will be May 9th. This is a great opportunity for new and returning members to get to know each other while helping to spruce up Beachwood.


This is also a great community service opportunity. High School students can earn community service hours for the National Honor Society. Scouts can also use the hours toward 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 help is greatly appreciated.

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

Coffee, juice, doughnuts and bagels will be served.



If you would like to adopt a flowerbed 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 own personal touch.

Contact John Rice (248)515-9484 or jrice44@wowway.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

My name is Julie Monroe and I am returning for my second term as the membership chairman at Beachwood. I'm in the thick of the busy time for my board position, preparing our membership for the upcoming season at Beachwood. The dues statements were mailed and payments have been coming in at a steady pace. Now comes the fun part of the job: welcoming new families to Beachwood!

You can participate in this by joining us at Beachwood for a New Member Wine and Cheese party on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00. A Town Hall meeting for all members will follow at 7:30. This is a great opportunity to ask the Board of Directors any questions or share any thoughts you may have. Unfortunately, the pool won't be open yet, but we can still enjoy connecting with our summer friends and make some new ones. Seasoned club members can share their experience and make our new families feel at home.

Speaking of new families, now would be an excellent time to give your family and friends an application to Beachwood. Having just filled the season's openings the wait list is relatively short and they can beat the summer rush!

If you have any questions about Beachwood or your membership, feel free to contact me. See you in a couple of months!

Julie Monroe

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SOCIAL STATUS

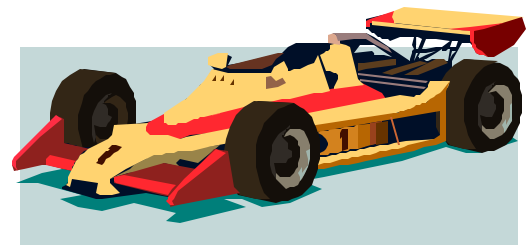
As your new "Julie McCoy," or social director of Beachwood Recreation Association, I am looking forward to another fun-filled summer at our great club. Before we know it, winter will be over and the pool will be filled with our Beachwood families. We have many plans including some tried and true events as well as maybe a few new ones.

The social season will start off with a new member meeting followed by a WINE AND CHEESE party. We'd love to have our 'old' members there to help welcome the new ones and visit with each other, too. Planning for the Euchre Night, Tween Party and Slot Car Race Night is already underway thanks to some industrious members, and we'll pass on those dates as soon as they are available. Ladies can keep their calendars open for Wednesday night tennis/social time, and gentlemen gather for the same on Mondays. Many of you know that the Fourth of July is traditionally a big family day at Beachwood, and we'd love your feedback (and some volunteer time!) to keep this tradition alive. At any time, I welcome any and all input and ideas for new events and social opportunities. See you at the pool!

Teri Brune



Euchre Night



Slot Car Racing

New Member Wine and Cheese Reception - May 20th 7pm @ Beachwood

TENNIS

Enough of the cold weather already! It's time for spring to energize us and ignite the thoughts of summer tennis. I can't wait for Beachwood to open, bringing the smells and sounds of the best time of the year. Long warm days that keep the kids so busy, they actually welcome bedtime. I don't know about you but I have a bad case of cabin fever and am severely suffering from sun deprivation. Fortunately, that is all coming to an end.

It's time to restring and re-grip your tennis racquet and get your tennis shoes dusted off, the season is rapidly approaching. This year Beachwood tennis, led by Paco Trinidad and his trusty sidekick Eric Sturgis, have implemented some much-needed changes. The first noteworthy change is the junior season has been extended from 5 to 6 weeks. This will add another match to the schedule for the A and B teams as well as another week of practices for all tennis enthusiasts. New this summer – we are going to have a catered tennis banquet. The kids work too hard all summer not to be properly recognized for their efforts so we have decided to “refurbish” the format a bit. We will be careful not to formalize the event. We just want to add a little more structure without losing the casual/fun aspect. Volunteers and ideas are much needed and will be welcomed. If you are interested please contact Eric Sturgis or he will be contacting you!

The practice schedule has been changed to accommodate both swim and tennis players. The Spring Tune up will begin Monday, June 8th thru Friday June 11th. The Little Stokers, Pee Wee and JV players go from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and the A and B team players will go from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

The regular season begins on June 15th and will run until July 31st. Here are the times for the practices:

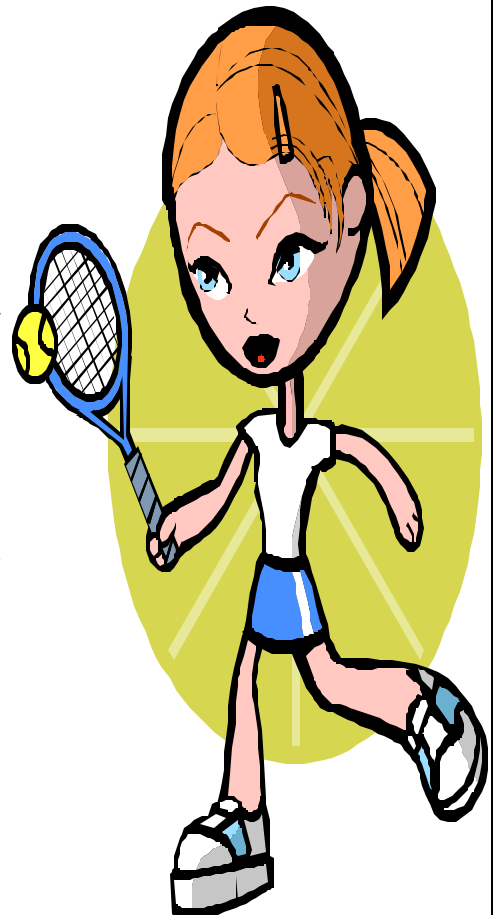
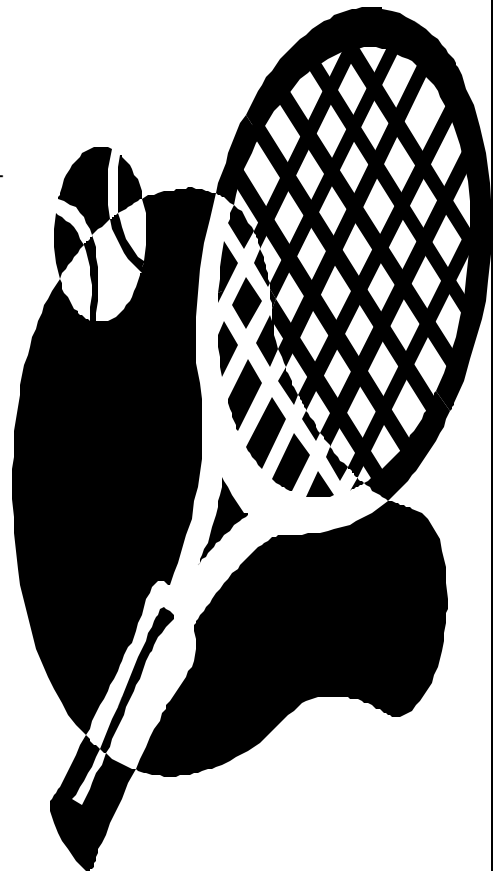
Little Stokers/Pee Wee	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 -10:00 a.m.
Junior Varsity practice	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00-11:00 a.m.
B Team practice	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
A team practice is	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 12:30-2:00 p.m.

You will be able to download the signup form from the Beachwood website beginning March 16th, please fill it out and send to Beachwood Recreation Association P.O. Box 542 Troy, Mi 48099. We are looking forward to having your son/daughter in the tennis program.

We will also be hosting the Parent/Child tournament July 14th and 15th, please contact Eric Sturgis eric.bwratennis@yahoo.com for more information.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Paco or Eric. We are looking forward to a great summer. GO BARRACUDAS!!!

Lobbingly yours, Rob Olmstead



SWIMMING



Beachwood Barracudas 2009 Swim Team News

Please Note:
Swim Team Registration
Troy Community Center
April 19, 2009 1:30-3:30

Another fun-filled year of Beachwood swimming is right around the corner!! We had a terrific 2008, and are looking for better things in 2009. The Beachwood Barracudas finished fifth in the league at the 2008 A Finals—ensuring that we would remain in the highest division for, oh, the umpteenth consecutive year. Our B Finals swimmers swam tremendously—many with personal bests. While we continue to strive to achieve the highest possible league placing, as always, our primary goal is to make sure that the kids have fun, improve their strokes and times, and enjoy the experience as much as possible. To that end, I encourage you to let me know if you have ideas on how to make the Beachwood swimming team experience better. All associated with Beachwood swimming want the best for our kids.

Swimming Team Registration

Registration for the competitive swimming team will take place on April 19 from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Troy Community Center. For your convenience, the registration form can be downloaded at our website, www.beachwoodrec.org. We welcome all swimmers aged 4 through 18. Join the great experience that is Barracuda swimming!!

Coaching Staff

We are delighted that Mike Venos returns for his eighth season as head coach. He is currently finishing the hiring of his coaching staff. You'll see Mike at the Registration. I will report back on the entire coaching staff once it is in place.

Beachwood Drift

The Beachwood Drift, our swimming team newsletter, is now an e-newsletter. Due to server constraints, I will email a notice of the availability of the Drift, and you can find it at the website. It should be published each Monday during the season. It will contain a lot of important information. If you are new to Beachwood swimming, or want to be reminded of a lot of helpful information, please read the "Rookies Guide," which is posted on the website. In fact, the web site is a good place to wander for interesting and helpful information regarding all things Barracuda swimming.

Spring Pre-Season Practices

The plan is to have the pool up and running (and heated!!) by early May. This will allow us to conduct pre-season practices at Beachwood at a lower cost in lieu of renting pool time at local indoor facilities. These workouts are a chance to keep things going if you've swum over the winter, or, to get back in the swimming groove if you're a summer swimmer. At this newsletter's "press time," we have not

been able to finalize the dates and times of the pre-season practices, so stay tuned. I will let you know by email—and we'll certainly have the details at the April 19 Registration.

Swimming Meets

The schedule for the 2009 season is on our web site. Our dual meet schedule is as follows: Friday, June 12, away meet at Woodside; Thursday, June 18, home against Forest Hills; Monday, June 22, home against Woodbrooke Hills; Thursday, June 25, home against Farmington Glen; Tuesday, June 30, away against Cranbrook, and Thursday, July 9, away against Beverly Hills (maps to the away meets are on our website). Oddly, this year all three Beachwood home meets are compressed into the span of eight days—a Monday, a Thursday and the following Tuesday. Keep in mind, then, that until A Finals, your dual meet volunteering opportunities are all within that tight schedule. B Finals will be on Saturday, July 18; A Finals will be on Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26. And, while summer is the time for vacations, if it's possible, when scheduling your vacation, look to schedule around the dual meets and especially A and B Finals weekends.

Speaking of A Finals, Beachwood will host the season-ending championship meet for the 17th straight year!! Because it requires a lot of volunteers, I ask that whether you are an A Finals or a B Finals family, you reserve time that weekend to help the swim team and the club put on what is unanimously regarded as the best meet at the best facility around. I also am looking for good ideas—so call or email me or see me at the pool if you have been ruminating since last year how better to do this or that at A Finals.

A Note on Young/Beginning Swimmers

We have a variety of abilities on the team—and all get to compete. Our only rule is that a child must be able to swim one length of the pool without stopping. Our coaches will evaluate all kids wanting to swim, and work with the child and the parents to determine whether the competitive team or Beachwood's lesson program is the right choice. And we don't hold kids back, either—we've had many kids move from the lesson program, or being "lane line grabbers," to the competitive team as the season progresses. We really encourage all kids who are interested to check things out, even if they just want to watch a practice or two. Questions? Talk to me or Mike.

Volunteering

Brian Perham, having left big shoes to fill, has handed the Swim Rep reins to me. That means that more than ever we need your assistance, from pre-season to the post-A Finals banquet. Merri Lee and I will be calling on all of you for help; please consider taking on a role—many hands make light work!! For the new swim team families—volunteering is a great way to get to know the Baracuda family—we have the BEST parent involvement in the NSSL—let's keep it that way. Among the myriad of activities that accompany the swim season, we need to fill the concessions chair position for the dual meet season, and the concession chair for A Finals (job sharing is a great way to make it work). Please consider volunteering—email me at kmhjones@wowway.com to let me know how you can help. I will schedule a swim team committee chairs' meeting in May—stay tuned.

I look forward to another great year—see you at the pool!

Kyle Jones
Swimming Team Representative
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OPERATIONS

Good Day. My name is Phil LaBelle. My family and I have been members of Beachwood for the past 6 seasons. I expressed interest in joining the board last fall as a way to give back to the Beachwood community for the many beautiful summers we have enjoyed at the club.

In my position as operations chair, I will be working with our club manager, Jim Slaughter and his staff to ensure all members and guests have a great experience at Beachwood. I will be assisting Jim with recruiting, hiring and training of all staff for the club. In addition, I will also work to develop and standardize the day to day operations of the club to ensure there is a proper balance between great service and fiscal responsibility.

The summer is short and I want to ensure the few weeks spent at Beachwood with family and friends are thoroughly enjoyed by all. I am committed to driving service at our club and to develop a "service-first" culture among our staff. Some of the areas I will focus on in the upcoming year will be staff service training, cash handling processes and procedures and consistent forecasting of both labor and operating costs. I will also work on a long-term capital expenditure plan in order to ensure our club remains one of the best in Michigan.

Whether you are a new or long time member, I encourage you and your family to take full advantage of our great facility and the talented team of tennis and swim professionals we have assembled for another great season.

This will be my first term on the board and look forward to serving you, are members, for the 2009 season.

Please feel free to contact me and thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Come on summer.

Phil LaBelle

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FACILITIES

Hi everyone, my name is Dave Kozlowski and I help support Beachwood as the facilities director. I don't know about everyone else, but my family and I are really looking forward to Beachwood opening this year. Please hurry, Memorial Day weekend!

The pool safety cover did a nice job for us over this past winter; it kept the leaves and critters out of the pool. The cover should help us realize a cost savings on our annual water bill since we only had to lower the water level by 18 inches. In years past, we've drained the entire pool and started over each spring.

Pending financial approval, two projects anticipated for club opening include the installation of additional shade sails over the wading pool and a new water basketball set. Unfortunately, our previous basketball set was damaged beyond repair late last year by aggressive play. A third project that is being considered for this spring is the re-roofing of the pavilion roof as some areas of the shingles are deteriorating and the roof leaks during rain storms.

Even after last year's major renovation projects, we still have work to do. We continue to work to improve the club to keep it safe, fun and enjoyable for people of all ages.

If you have any ideas on how we might improve the club, please let me know your thoughts. If you know of something that didn't seem to be working properly at the club last year, please bring it to my attention.

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

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