



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, INCLUDING ELECTIONS
Nov. 8 @ 7 p.m. , Troy Community Center, room 504

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thinking back on the 2011 season, 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 old. All of our programs, tennis, swim, and social had increased participation from club members. We also tried some new things this year and a lot of them worked out very well. I remember thinking what a crazy idea the Gaga pit was when we discussed it, but boy was it ever popular. In addition, we undertook numerous improvements to the club that continue to make Beachwood the premier swim and tennis club in the metro Detroit area. We are able to complete the renovation of the tennis courts, club house roofing/skylight system, as well as the awesome new scoreboard. Our success depended heavily on the tireless dedication of a very strong board of directors.

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, Ben Godwin 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.

Again this year, 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 180 plus families, which will keep us full as we make our way through these undeniably challenging economic times. Next spring we will be completing our reengineering of the sand volleyball space to make it more appealing and usable to the membership.

I'd like to encourage all members to attend the annual membership meeting on Tuesday, November 8th at 7pm, at the Troy Community center. 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, 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. As of this writing, it is anticipated that there will be 4 opening on the board.

Finally, I will be not seeking reelection to the board this fall. It has been my pleasure to serve for 5 years as the swim rep and president. I have truly enjoyed the board and am proud of the things that we have accomplished.

Please continue to watch our website, and come to our annual meeting!

Brian Perham
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Operations Report: Beachwood running smoothly

We have closed the gate on another season at Beachwood. The weather was great and it was a beautiful summer at the club. Beachwood looked great right from opening day and stood tall through all the major events of the season. The tennis courts look amazing and were worth the wait although delayed by the wet month of May. The Gaga pit was surely a hit with kids of all ages. I am sure they built many summer Beachwood memories. We had some excellent additions to the staff this year and most star performers will be back next year. 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!

Phil LaBelle
Operations Chair

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Social: BWRA knows how to have fun!!

Another fun summer has come to an end. This was my last year serving as social chair for Beachwood and I am sad to see it end. We had another great summer of Flamingo Fridays, Moonlite swims, and Euchre. The tweens/teens seemed to enjoy the bonfire and late night swimming while the little ones enjoyed the Bounce house. The rain held off for the 4th of July but made us reschedule our Movie Night. What a crazy day that was. I hope you have enjoyed the social functions for the past three years and will continue to in the future.

Cheers,
Teri Brune

BWRA Membership rolls & waitlist remain strong

As the fall weather moves in it seems like a lifetime ago that we were able to enjoy some time around the pool at Beachwood. Hopefully winter will go by as quickly as summer seems to and we'll be gearing up for the 2012 season at Beachwood.

For the summer of 2011 we welcomed 31 new families: the fewest number of openings we've had in the five years I've been the membership chair on the board. Hopefully Beachwood lived up to the expectations the new members had when they submitted their applications a few years back. As a board we are constantly trying to improve the club and facilities so that everyone can enjoy their time there.

Beachwood's wait list for membership continues to grow and remains strong, currently being 185 families long. The wait for a membership invitation is now approximately 3 – 4 years from the time of application. Don't let the length of the list prevent you from telling your friends and family about the wonderful club we have and to add their names to the list. Applications are on the website and can be submitted year round.

On a business note, dues statements for the 2012 season will be mailed on February 1, 2012, and are due by Monday, March 5, 2012. As was the case in 2011, there will not be a second due date with a late fee attached. If your dues are not received nor have I heard from you by March 5, 2012, it will be assumed that you don't plan to continue your membership and your equity will be refunded. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Enjoy the winter. Hopefully it will be mild, and before you know it, we'll be taking the cover off of the pool. In the mean time, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me via email at monroej@wowway.com.

Sincerely,

Julie Monroe,
Membership Chair

Facilities: Long-term investments add to summer fun; plumbing maintenance up next

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. 100 days of summer are over before you know it!

This past year, we made long term investments in the club. We had a complete tear off and rebuild of the skylights and shingles on the main building, in addition to the permanent installation of an all-season scoreboard. We painted the pavilion exterior walls and support posts, and fixed the gutter system. We applied epoxy floor coatings in the kitchen area and both sides of the bath-houses. For next season, we are planning some electrical system work, in addition to repairs and improvements to our irrigation system water supply lines.

Something I'd like to bring to your attention is that our club has experienced some issues with its bath-house drain system. The good news is there are no major problems with the drain waste pipes but the system is almost 40 years old and requires extra attention. To avoid emergency plumbing situations, we are working with a plumbing company to have normal maintenance calls scheduled. However, the system is susceptible to potential clogging if certain items are introduced to the system. For instance, we experienced clogging this past year due to brown paper hand-towels (located near the sinks), tennis balls and soft-foam swim toys being put into the toilets. We are investigating the possibility of eliminating the brown paper hand-towels by installing air hand dryers, so that may help reduce some of concern. As for the tennis balls and swim toys, I think we can assume kids act like kids sometimes. If you see kids goofing around in the bathrooms, it might be a good idea if you nicely told them to go play somewhere else. Or you could bring it up to a staff member if you don't feel like saying something directly. If you happen to see adults goofing off in the bathrooms, putting stuff down the toilets, well I don't know how we are supposed to address that!

I hope you spent a good portion of your leisure time this past 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 let me or another board member know. 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
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TENNIS REPORT: New Courts Paved Way to Successful Season

Hello Beachwood Tennis Enthusiasts:

Where did the summer go? The leaves are starting to turn and days are getting shorter. I can't believe our 2011 season is over. What a great year. After a rocky start to our season, with the weather and construction, we christened our new courts. They look great. Thanks to Rob Olmstead for overseeing the project and making sure Beachwood remains a top notch facility for all of our members. Not to get complacent, we are already planning on some additional improvements for 2012 including remodeling the tennis office.

The tennis program flourished under Jim, Paco and Eric's watch. We had a number of new kids join the program and were our team was NSSL League Championship for the third year in a row. Congratulation to all of the players and coaches for a great season.

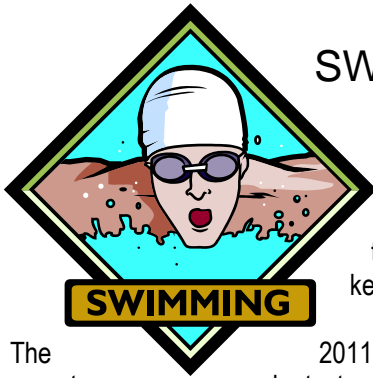
There are many opportunities for both kids and adults to stay active in tennis during the winter season. If you have any questions about programs or lessons, please feel free to contact Jim, Paco, Eric or me.

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Please check our website periodically throughout the winter for news and updates regarding Beachwood Tennis.

Your feedback is very important. If you have any thoughts about how to make Beachwood more enjoyable for our members, please give me a call or send me an e-mail. Thank you for allowing me to serve on your board.

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SWIM TEAM WRAPS UP ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

Barracuda Swimmers and Parents:

We hope that you had a terrific swim season and enjoyed the rest of your summer. We also hope that your swimmers have joined one of the many fine winter swimming programs in the area—it will keep them active over the winter, and make the Barracudas a better team for 2012!

The 2011 Barracuda season was terrific in a variety of ways. Our 4th 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, show good sportsmanship and remember that the team is more important than the individual.

Another memorable part of the 2011 season was the introduction of our new scoreboard. While we had a few wrinkles to iron out in the dual meets; it paid off with a flawless performance at A Finals that reinforced why Beachwood is the envy of the league and the only club equipped to handle A Finals.

We also owe a huge thank you to all the parent volunteers that make our program the top program in the NSSL. A special thanks to all the swim committee and finals chairs, who worked tirelessly to put together a great season and a fantastic A Finals weekend.

I also want to thank 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 are already looking at ideas to improve the program for next year. Our primary goal is to get more parents involved with volunteering throughout the season, as well as for A Finals. We know we had a lot of new families this year. Now that you have become "veterans", we look forward to seeing you get more involved. We also want to streamline and simplify some of the administrative processes to make it easier for you...and for us. More to come on that in the spring.

Annette and I are honored to be your Swim Team Representatives and appreciate all the support. We can always use more help and are anxious to hear your ideas to make the program better. Please feel free to drop

Enjoy the off-season and get ready for another great Barracuda season in 2012!

Dave Whitman



MAKE SURE TO LET US KNOW WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS!

Go to beachwoodrec.org and click on "Contact BWRA." "Member eMail" provides you with a handy form to submit to the club. It only takes a minute or two, but it will keep you up-to-date with all things Beachwood.