

BALMY BEACH CLUB ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

November 2015



Message From the President:

Hello Members,

Is it just me or do the years seem to pass by faster and faster? I hope this year's version of our Newsletter finds all of you in good health and spirit. Once again, much appreciation for all the work Tanya has put into this. I know she has had to wait on a couple of sections, but she has been relentless in her pursuit in order to make this a truly complete summary of our Sports sections' achievements throughout 2015. As always, a big thank you to Charlene and Kathy in the office. It has been a huge year for us, especially with the big projects, and they keep the place running year in, year out.

This year has seen an increase in our capital expenditure output, but we feel that this money has been well spent. As always our Board continues to try to support our Sports sections, to enable them to be as successful as possible. This year's results have been truly fantastic! The amount of time spent, and the level of enthusiasm shown by our Section heads has been truly amazing. The Board and the Membership thank you.

There were at least three major reunions of sports this year, all of which were terrific events. The Squash section recently celebrated a 50th, the Rugby section a 60th, and the Old Boys Hockey a 40th. What was particularly gratifying with these events was to see the number of former members returning and loving the club as much as we all do. Special thanks to the organizers of these events.

Even though I was trying not to mention specific names, I feel the need to acknowledge some superb accomplishments. KC Fraser won Canada's first Gold Medal at this year's Pan Am Games, for Canada in Canoeing's K4 event. I would like to think that this set the tone for Canada's overall success. Liam Underwood played for Canada in this year's Rugby World Cup, in the UK, and by all accounts was solid but unfortunately suffered an injury which curtailed his involvement. Special thanks should be extended to Lynne Roworth and Jim Drohan for their years of leadership with their respective sections, specifically working with the youth. Lynne ran the Paddling Summer Camp for many years and Jim led the Junior Rugby. Both were exceptionally well organized, with countless young participants involved.

Finally I would be remiss not to mention the special action of Haydn Gage and Conor McCann with their life saving efforts performing CPR and Mouth to Mouth Resuscitation, for a prolonged period of time, and eventually applying a Defibrillator on an injured rugby teammate, Eric Shannon, earlier this fall at Fletcher's Fields. This definitely had a happy ending.

I hope you enjoy this Newsletter and that you have an enjoyable holiday season. See you at the AGM on January 25th, 2016.

Jake Lipsett
President, Balmy Beach Club

Just a Reminder...

Please...

**PICK UP YOUR PHOTO
MEMBERSHIP CARD
AT THE BAR**

When you renew your membership, a new card is made with your new expiration date and your new card is to be picked up at the bar and your old card discarded.

You **MUST** have a photo membership card with you when visiting the Club - You must present your card in order to be served at the bar and in some instances when there is security on the door you will also be asked to present your card to gain entry to the Club.

With the Club being highly visible and easily accessible to the general public, having this card system in place insures the safety of the membership and the exclusivity that only members and their invited guests have access.

**WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF
CARDS THAT HAVE
NEVER BEEN PICKED UP**

If you have yet to have your picture taken, please email a clear head and shoulders photo to:
tanya@balmybeachclub.com

Make sure your full name is stated in the email.

Thank you.

Tanya Hunter
Membership Coordinator

FRIDAY NIGHT HOCKEY

Another year of hockey is underway at Ted Reeve Arena for the Friday Night Hockey Section. Please feel free to join the crowds in attendance (it is free!) from 6-9pm every Friday. Our annual Entry Draft was held in September, where we welcomed 6 new players to the league this year, as well as 2 sons to join their fathers playing on the same team. This makes our league truly unique – in addition to friends and neighbours playing hockey so close to home, we also provide the opportunity to immediate family members to play together. Eight new players in the league is more than most years, as player turnover in the league is typically very low, proving the league offers a fun brand of hockey without leaving the Beach.

Looking back to last season, congratulations to the Blacks, winners of the league championship. We held our 3rd annual Winter Classic in January, outdoors at Kew Gardens which once again was a great success. This was the best version yet, with decent weather and a well attended post-game party/dance at the Club. Mark your calendars for this years' Classic on January 22, 2016.

The Hockey AGM was again held this past April with JP Cormier re-elected as vice-president, and Mike Harding re-elected as treasurer. Mark Would remains President. Details on the Hockey section continue to be found on our website at www.bbchockey.com League Standings, rules, posts, and schedules can all be found there. You can also Like us on Facebook!

Thank-you to the Club for supporting the Hockey Section through scheduled Hockey Nights at the Club.

Stick on the ice!

Mark
JP
Mike



Winter Classic Game at Kew Gardens Rink



Opening ceremony from the John "Jocko" Thompson Winter Classic

OLD BOYS HOCKEY



This year marks our 31st season in the Thornhill Elite Old-timers Hockey League. The Old Boys Hockey Team has been in existence since 1975 and has over 80 Alumni; with over 40 still active members of the Balmy Beach Club.

Last season we made it to the finals of a six team league, but just fell short of a victory. This year we start the season with one less skater. Ron Blackmore, a seasoned veteran of the Old Boys, has decided to hang up his skates for our regular season league. However, we look forward to him participating in future tournaments and tours. “Once an Old Boy, Always an Old Boy!”



In March 2015 the Old Boys, with 44 people including 17 players, embarked on their 15th tour to Europe. First, Ritten, Italy, where we defended our title as tournament champions. Then on to Klagenfurt, Austria, for a one game victory and finally Bratislava, Slovakia. Our first game resulted in a win but the team started to run out of gas and did not fare so well a few days later during a 4 team tournament, losing all 3 games. The R&R portion of the tour was in Portugal with 5 days in Albufeira and 3 days in Lisbon. Now work begins for the next tour in 2017.

In our 13th year as a section we have continued our mission of giving back to the community. This year we made a donation to the Boys and Girls Club of East Scarborough. This organization helps the underprivileged who cannot afford summer camps and provides programs that are geared towards the engagement of children and youth.



Our 2015 summer volleyball fundraiser was a great success and has allowed us to sponsor a team in the Moss Park Hockey League for a fourth year. This league allows children without the financial resources to play the game they love.

This December is our annual Fresh Turkey Drive. This fundraiser has enabled us to donate several thousand pounds of turkey over the years to Community Centre 55. Please watch out for postings around the club and our advertisement in this newsletter to order your fresh turkey.

We would also like to recognize one of our own, Paul Babich, who was selected as the “2015 Beach Citizen of the Year” for his endless volunteer work in the community. Congratulations Paul and well deserved.

If you would like more information about our section, please feel welcome to visit: www.bbcoldboys.com

On behalf of the Balmy Beach Old Boys Ice Hockey section, we would like to thank those who have helped us support the community and wish you and your families all the best for this upcoming holiday season.

Team Executive:
Chris Rhora, Jeff Tomlinson, Scott Howe

Tour Executive:
Jake Lipsett, Paul Babich



PADDLING

The paddling section recently capped off another record year! The club placed 2nd overall at the Canoe Kayak National Championships in Ottawa, winning a total of 54 medals (the most medals of any club), and capturing, for the third time in a row, the Senior Women's Burgee! The Club has not placed this well at Nationals in decades, and we have never won so many medals - hugely surpassing last year's record of 41 medals. You can see the paddlers' National Championship trophies on display at the Club. We won silver medals in both Senior Women's and Senior Men's C15 (War Canoe), and bronze medals in both Junior Women's and Junior Men's C15. These were especially proud moments for the paddling section as these medals were won in "The Russ Dunn" War Canoe. Our large contingent of paddlers, parents and coaches are so proud of our paddlers and their achievements.

We had athletes representing the BBC and Canada at several international events this summer. It was a proud moment watching KC Fraser and her K4 win the first Gold Medal of the Pan Am Games in July in front of a cheering hometown crowd. Courtney Stott, Eric Ellery, Anatoliy Mikhaletsky, Conrad Hopp and Nick Matveev represented Canada at the U23 and Junior World Championships in Portugal in July.

KC Fraser raced for Canada in K4 at the World Championships in August and Erica Scarff raced ParaCanoe K1, just missing a quota spot for the ParaOlympic Games in Rio. In September, Lucas Turnbull represented Canada at the Olympic Hopes Regatta in Poland, winning three medals. Eric Ellery, Doug Ellery and Chris Helyar had strong showings at the World Marathon Canoe Championships in Hungary in September as well. All of these athletes raced hard, and many had medal winning performances at the International level! We are so proud of them! KC and Erica are both training hard to qualify for Olympic berths in the Spring. It will be a tough fall and winter of training!

Our Bantam, Peewee and Atom paddlers had a great summer both at the bay during the week and racing on the weekends. It was great to see the U15 paddlers do well at the Provincial Championships and to see so many young U13 and U11 Canoers and Kayakers racing in blue and gold at the Atom and Peewee Championships. They had fun and did the Club proud.

Our Masters paddlers had a great summer, capping it off with a very strong showing at CANMAS, bringing home many medals and personal bests for our Masters. It was the 30th anniversary of CANMAS this summer. Russ Dunn founded and championed CANMAS.



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Paddling (CONT...)

What an incredible season! Clearly such achievements are not possible without the dedication and hard work of the paddlers themselves, but much credit goes to our remarkable coaching staff, led by Head Coach Peter Martinek, and his team of Sara Jones, Mari Ellery, Peter Polyzotis, Kevin McIntyre, Dan Harris and Doug Ellery. Congratulations to Ellie Miron and his dedicated BBCC Sports Camp staff for raising the bar yet again with such a successful sports camp.

This was the third year of our Surfski program out of the BBC. Many are enjoying surfing the waves in front of the BBC. We had Stand-Up Paddle Board this summer and will be back again next spring! Lessons are available for BBC members.

Fall training is well underway and going well, with the paddlers clocking countless kilometers on the water. Winter training starts soon at the BBC and Malvern CI in preparation for Florida Training Camps in March, Olympic and Paralympic Qualifiers in May, and Nationals and CANMAS in Dartmouth, NS, in August 2016! We are always looking to welcome new or returning paddlers ages 8 to 80+.

We would also like to thank all who attended or supported our fundraisers this year. We work hard to raise funds to support our paddlers and programs.

In closing, the paddling section would like to thank the Webster Fund for its ongoing support of junior development in the BBC and the Executive for their support of our High Performance athletes.

[Click here to view the Awards Night Slideshow](#)

Anne Buckley



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VOLLEYBALL

The BBC Volleyball section had another successful year!

Competitive team nights were completely full with 10-12 teams competing Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Competitive 3's impressed the fans with their skill every Tuesday evening. Lisa DeSario, Matt Lister & Imad Lakkis "brought it" and clinched the 2015 title. Thank you to Jennifer McLean for overseeing Tuesday Night Volleyball. Jay Vanular & JJ Sullivan's Wednesday Competitive 2's continues to grow in popularity and skill. Mike Tranter & Craig Race claimed the Competitive 2's title in game three of the finals. Thursday night Competitive 4's was a huge success with Matt Goff, Quillan Nagel, Alex Hoyck, Jennifer McLean & Lisa DeSario taking home the championship hoodies.

If you are new to volleyball and thinking of joining our section in 2016, Monday evening is our recreational league. It is perfect for the Beginner/Intermediate players. Peter Willson & Pamela Mayhew oversee Mondays and promise a fun evening. Executive members Ron Blackmore, Kris Klajnerman, & Michelle Quance organized several successful tournaments, including Deck Opening, Canada Day, Labour Day, Deck Closing, 3 on 3, & Ladies Competitive 2's.

BBC Volleyball is open to Athletic Members, both Adult & Junior. Mark your calendars for the popular South Beach goes North Beach March 5th, 2016.

Big shout out to our 2015 Volleyball Award Recipient, JP File. Lastly, the most inspirational player award, "The Jovie", in memory of our friend Jovette, was awarded to Greg Judd.

If you are interested in receiving BBC Volleyball info please contact:
Michelle Quance, michelle.quance@sympatico.ca, 416-693-8808
Facebook Group: Balmy Beach Volleyball

See you on the beach,

Michelle Quance
President- BBC Volleyball



CANADA DAY TOURNAMENT



GET WELL PARTY - KRIS KLAJNERMAN

SQUASH

Thank God summer is finally over and we can get back to squash...

With summer looking over her shoulder as she heads to the other side, autumn brings with it falling leaves and flying double dots. This is a special year for us as we opened the season with our 50th Anniversary Celebration in September. The hard work of the Event Planning Committee of Sue Howatt, Kim Hines, Mary Beth Denomy, Melanie Barwick, Chris Commins, Peter Willson, Dan Caulfield and Trent Graham, along with myself, Ian Plummer and Dave Morrow as the Squash Executive; made for a terrific and heartfelt weekend of squash, badminton and table tennis competition as well as laughs and stories of the past and present.

It began with the Thursday evening White Party in honour of the way we used to have to dress, and frankly, when our teams visit the Granite Club and the RCYC, still do... It was a great evening on the upper deck with live steel drum music, great food from Fuel, and a mix of old and new players. We were fortunate to have many out-of-towners join us including Bruce Fernandes, Dan Futa, and former Squash President Robin Wardell all the way from Princeton.



We inducted three very special people into our Hall of Fame at the banquet. Two of them need no introduction - Sharif Kahn and Larry Frizelle. Both of these men have given our game and our club so much over the years that it was only fitting their names be enshrined forever above Court 1. We were joined by Craig Wells who was the finest squash player ever to come from the BBC to induct Sharif as they were doubles partners for many years. The third name is one many of you won't know, but Dave Thomas was a fine player in the 60s and 70s and was a driving force to get the courts included in the rebuild of 1965. I was very fortunate to share some time with him during the 100th anniversary of the club and he had marvelous stories of the early days. Sadly, Dave passed away last year but we were honoured to be joined by his wife Tricia and her good friend Sherry Funston, who recently stepped down as Executive Director of Squash Ontario.

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BBC Member's Menu Wednesday to Friday 5pm-10pm Saturday & Sunday 1pm-7pm

Tapas Platter \$9.95

A selection of Cured Meats & Artisanal Cheeses, Marinated Olives, Almonds, Pickled Veggies, Veggie Dip
Served with Freshly Baked Baguette (add \$2 for extra Bread)
Veggie Option available

Panini: \$9.95

Club: Chicken Breast, Bacon, Chevre, Sundried Tomatoes, Mayo
Veggie: Sun Dried Tomatoes, Roasted Red Pepper, Mushrooms & Chevre
Served with a daily salad

1 LB Baked Chicken Wings \$9.95

Hot, Medium, Mild, Honey Garlic, Hot & Smokey
Served with Ranch Dip & Veggies

Sicilian Meatballs \$9.95

Served with Baguette

Muffaletta Sandwich \$9.95

Salami, Ham, Mozzarella, Olives, Red Peppers.
Served with a Salad

Big Salads

Tuscan Kale Caesar with Pancetta & Parmigiano Reggiano \$8.85

Quinoa Salad Rainbow of Veggies, Cranberries, Almonds, Feta \$8.85

Arugula Salad with Blue Cheese, Mushrooms \$8.85

Add Chicken \$4

Nachos \$9.85

Tortilla Chips, Beef Chili, Cheddar, Jalapenos, Sour Cream & Salsa
(Add **Chicken \$4**

add **Extra Cheese \$3**

add **Extra Salsa/**

Sour Cream/Jalapenos \$1)

Chili Con Carne \$7

Served with Cheddar Cheese & Nacho Chips

Kids Chicken Fingers

Small \$6.00 Large \$8.85

Served with Plum Sauce & Veggie Sticks

PIZZA

Mozzarella & Tomato Sauce \$9.95

Additional Toppings: \$1

Mozzarella, Feta, Roasted Red Peppers, Olives, Red Onions, Bacon, Mushrooms

Premium Toppings: \$1.50

Sun-Dried Tomatoes, Salami, Chicken, Sausage, Blue Cheese, Chevre

Taxes Not Included
By Fuel Catering Co.

SQUASH (CONT...)

The tournament style for the weekend was Racquetlon and the event was such a hit that we are considering investing in a section table tennis set for future events. Each team was captained by a player from the 25th anniversary so my thanks to everyone who came out of retirement, told many great stories at the dinner that night, and were a part of a wonderful weekend that we will not soon forget. And congratulations to the team of Andy Strudwicke, Duncan Jewell, Judith Allen, Wendy Train, Paul McArthur and Peter Cuthbert for winning the weekend. My special thanks to Charlene and Kathy and the Board for ensuring that our courts got their new floors and spiffy paint job.

So, on to the new season...

The schedule of tournaments has been sent out but just as a reminder:

Greg Gibson Invitational - November 1, 2015

Fall Team Tournament - November 28, 2015

Winter Team Tournament - January 30, 2016

Spring Team Tournament - March 5, 2016

Squash AGM - March 5, 2016

Men's, Women's & Junior Club Championships -
May 7 - 14, 2016



Along with the many events around the city run by Squash Ontario/Squash Canada, it promises to be a great season. We have three teams in T&D this year, a Women's D and two Men's D teams and Andy Strudwicke is still your man for adult lessons while Greg Rowe has graciously picked up the mantle for the juniors on Monday afternoons.

A final note of thanks to Ian Plummer and Dave Morrow who have been extraordinary in their roles as Treasurer and Vice-President, respectively. And also to Sue, Mary Beth, Dan, Peter, Pam, Trent, Melanie and Kim who have created so many memorable events for our section and the club at large. You have all given us much to live up to.

Up the Beach!

Kinmond Smith
President, Squash Section



SALE

Saturday December 5
11am-3pm



Sunday December 13
REGISTRATION REQUIRED
[CLICK HERE FOR FORM](#)



Member Christmas Party
Thursday December 17
Limited Tickets for Guests at Bar



New Year's Eve
Retro Dance Party
December 31

LAWN BOWLING

The lawn bowling year runs from May until October and begins the season with an Open House for prospective bowlers: we look forward to welcoming new bowlers, providing them with training and coaching, and encouraging them to take up lawn bowling. Best of all for the newcomers, it's free for the first month!

BALMY BASICS

- Monday afternoon mixed trebles league
- Tuesday afternoon men's league
- Wednesday evening mixed league
- Thursday evening social bowling
- Friday afternoon Australian pairs
- Holiday Monday jitneys including the Charlie Byrne Memorial Jitney
- Special events such as the Hugh Canning Memorial Jitney and the 2015 Trailblazer tournament
- A number of Ontario Lawn Bowling Association tournaments



We're also pleased to have begun hosting corporate events this year, where a group of friends or colleagues can come for an hour or so of bowling, followed by time at the main clubhouse. It's a fun way to build a work team or just provide an opportunity to socialize, and we hope to be able to do more of this in 2016.



2015 CHAMPIONS

League Champs:

- Mixed Trebles League: Mike Healey, Gary Barker, and George Chadwick.
- Men's League: Mike Healey, Gary Waller and Danny Corrie.
- Wednesday Night League: First half - Ken McAulay, Chunky Chalmers aka Chubby (Rick) Chambers and Bert Harvey aka Bert the Fridge

Second half - the very same people! They must be as good as they say!

District Champs:

- Ladies Trebles: Erin Chambers, Karen Marley and Donna Halliday
- Ladies Fours: Erin Chambers, Karen Marley, Elaine MacSween and Janet Luke
- Men's Fours Runner-up Team: Tom Marley, Alex Williams, Mike Healey and Keith Park (Cosburn)
- Novice Pairs: Sandy Johnson and Katharina Bruner (Kew Beach)
- Novice Pairs Runner-up Team: Donna Halliday and Freda Trattner
- Men's Seniors: Dana Davidson, Joe Green and Mike Healey

Congratulations to all! Well done!

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LAWN BOWLING (CONT...)

GREAT NEWS!

Thanks to Glenn Ross, and the unrelated rugby section Ross', we've started a web site! You can now go to: www.balmybeachlawnbowling.com for all the latest information about lawn bowling at Balmy Beach. Web site development will be continuing over the winter and into next year.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

During 2015, a substantial number of bowlers seemed to require surgery to repair knees, hips, or various other body parts. We refuse to give much credence to an age factor, but rather attribute much of the need to the general experience of truly outstanding athletes.

Given the substantial DL, the remaining and healthier members pitched in, as usual, to provide the lifeline volunteer work that keeps the club going. Thanks to all who helped. This year, special kudos go to Marcia Vandebossche, Marjory Walsh and the many bowlers who pitched in to help with the grounds. Not only have the greens improved for bowling, but they actually look good too!

Al Quance
President



BALMY BEACH CLUB SPORTS SECTIONS AWARDS BANQUET
WILL BE HELD SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2016
TO HONOUR 2015 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

BALMY BEACH CLUB HOURS

CLUB HOUSE:

Sunday to Wednesday
6am-11pm

Thursday to Saturday
6am-11pm (hours vary seasonally)

GYM

Monday to Saturday 6am-11pm
Sunday 6am-10pm



Congratulations to our Lifetime Member Paul Babich for being named Beach Citizen of the Year for 2015

JUNIOR RUGBY

2015 was another very successful year with continued growth and development at all levels. We had over 300 participants with the BBC having one or more teams at all age groups from Under 18 to Under 8 years of age. In addition to the strong numbers of players we were also able to grow our number of coaches and other volunteers who are critical to our continued success.

2015 was our third year of running a Winter Training Academy. BBC Junior Rugby ran regular indoor practices at the gym at SATEC/Porter CI for U18 boys/girls U16 & U14 boys. This program was very helpful in our player development, recruitment and retention.

Hosted tours are one of the best ways for BBC to create a deeper association of the club to our players. Once again this season BBC was happy to have had the opportunity to host some touring sides. Each event was followed up by a gathering at the club for the associated socializing and general comradeship that compliments this great sport.

In addition to the hosted tours noted above the Junior Program treated all the teams to a year-end BBQ at the club that included; awards, games food and fun. BBC staff and Fuel were very helpful with their support for these events.

DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

The success of our 2015 season and our junior program in general is truly a group effort. I cannot thank the parents, players, coaches and other members of the Junior Rugby Executive enough. They give so much personal time and effort to this program and they are the foundation we build upon. Moreover, the financial support we receive from the Rugby Alumni, the Club Executive, the Webby Foundation and general membership is tremendous. We are also very pleased to continue to get such great support and encouragement from the senior Men's and Women's rugby players and their executive.

I would also like to note that this was my last season as director of our junior program and what a pleasure it was to contribute to the continued growth of this program that had been such a big part of my early life at the BBC and a program my two sons also enjoyed very much.

I'm very pleased to announce that Jason Rybak will be taking over the role officially as of October. Jason has a great deal of experience in all aspects of rugby and the organizational skills to ensure our program continues to succeed. I will be working to assist Jason in his new role and will be assuming the duties of treasurer for the coming season.

Our continued growth will call for more assistance moving forward and I would encourage anyone that is interested in sponsoring our program financially, or in getting involved directly, to contact me or Jason to discuss the various ways you can participate in this great program for our youth.

Jim Drohan
Director, BBC Jr. Rugby
jimdrohan@gmail.com
Up the beach!



GROUP SHOT OF BEACH RUGBY



U18 BOYS IN PLAYOFF SCRUM



1 OF 3 U16 TEAMS

For the full story about all of the Jr. Rugby Programs Click here:

[JUNIOR RUGBY SEASON SUMMARY](#)

LADIES RUGBY

The women's team finished as the consolation trophy winners (3rd place). The season started out with a bang absolutely dominating the Nomads in the 60th Anniversary Match 90-5. Captain Kristen Bonomo and Co-captains Lisa de Sario and Michelle Smith led the way showing a great mix of experience, enthusiasm, and skill.

Injuries (and joining the fire brigade) took their toll on the club and lead to some key players missing portions of the season, but we soldiered on and fought through a lot of adversity. Michelle Smith, as one of the leadership group, showed how much the club matters by showing up to almost every practice knowing that her season ended before the midpoint.

Special thanks to our Assistant Coaches Nick and Steve for their dedication to the cause.

We had a lot of juniors play up with us and Boltz and co. are producing a lot of talent for the future.

We are always looking to recruit. To build this club to be a strong contender in the province we need everyone's help to grow our team. So, if you know anyone that might consider playing rugby, put them in contact with us!

Jon Grant



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OLD BOYS
HOCKEY
PRESENT THEIR
ANNUAL
TURKEY SALE -**

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BAR**



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Times at the
Deck Closing
BBQ on
September 20.

Deck Opening is
Sunday May 29,
2016... Only
187 days to go!

MEN'S RUGBY

We had a spectacular start to 2015 with our 60th Anniversary Celebrations. All 5 senior teams played at Birchmount stadium. There was a terrific golf junket, some bare-foot Bowls, and over 200 attendees at the gala dinner. Former players and wives from all around the world, mingling with our present. "We're all best friends ". Superb interaction of both young and old Beach rugbyists!

The Beach 4's, or Academy 2's as they are now called, plugged valiantly throughout the season. Not always winning but always putting on a good Beach display. They reinvented themselves in the fall in the Gee Gage Cup to finally bow out to Burlington 1's.

Beach Academy was again outstanding. Finishing 2nd in league action but coming from behind to overcome the favoured Bay Street Pigs in the Toronto Rugby Premier Final. The young lads are indeed becoming a force to be reckoned with!

Beach 2's had a somewhat so-so league season but still finished 2nd, suffering from a constant flux of players. As is our demeanor, the playoffs were a different story. Saving the best for last, the 2's knocked off the Scottish 2 years running, to maintain the Gee Gage Cup.

Beach 1's prove that depth of skill, speed and dedication is a proven track for success. Although suffering a couple of losses and a tie we won the League for the 2nd consecutive year. That is followed by a consecutive McCormick Cup victory over the Scottish (A double/double!)

One must also mention the events. Rugby Volleyball was again a success although few remember the details. Perhaps the most significant event involved several players in an incident at Fletcher's when Eric Shannon came across a large Barbarian and the ensuing impact stopped his heart, literally. After some 10 minutes and incredible work by Haydn Gage and Conor McCann, Eric's life is preserved. Heroism is alive and well in the Beach and this situation adds to the terrific fibre of a very successful season.

Thank You to coaches, players, medics, fans, management, to everyone for your support!

Articles and pics are available on our Beach Rugby Website www.balmybeachrugby.com

Gerry Allen

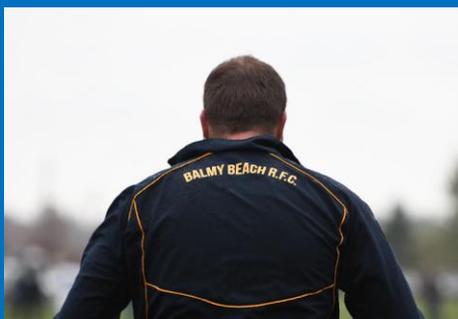


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*The Three Amigos
Halloween 2015*



KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY 2015



Happy
Halloween
Ween



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!
SEE YOU IN 2016