

Entertainment Report

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. Last year didn't turn out the way we had it planned. We started with a great turnout at Feather bowling but ended up having to cancel the remaining activities. My hope is that by mid year if not sooner we can start having our outings again.

Look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Stay Healthy, Stay Safe
Butch DeSmet

Membership

Happy Holidays fellow Belgian American Club brothers and sisters. 2020 has been a challenging time for everyone. We hope everyone is making it thru these difficult times and are doing ok. Many of the clubs meetings and outings have been cancelled due to the Covid pandemic. Membership has been struggling too for signing up new members. Although we have had a few new members and keep on working at attracting more.

The news recently of the vaccine has given most light at the end of the tunnel. So the club's E-board has voted to grant no dues to members for 2021 who have paid their 2020 dues. This should help members for a fresh start to 2021. Let's all stay alert for any new developments as the situation seems to change daily. When things start looking up we can fully resume our membership drive again. In the mean time keep an eye out for new members and don't hesitate to send any info to use regarding possible candidates.

In closing thank you for your help and awareness that "Membership Matters".

Ken DeWolf
Membership Chairman

Recreation Report

BIEN WINNERS

Roger Omeye 58 pts.

BIEN CHAMPIONS

Roger Omeye 165 pts

DARTS WINNERS

Bryan Huyghe 576

DARTS CHAMPIONS

Ed DeSmet 15

EUCHRE

No Games

PINOCHLE WINNERS

Ray Huyghe 265 pts

PINOCHLE CHAMPIONS

Mike Gray 942 pts

"31" WINNERS

Tim Merriman 2

"31" CHAMPIONS

Brian Hilliwere 3

Sick & Visiting Report

Dear Members,

I would like to wish you all and your family a very blessed Christmas and a very happy new year. Please keep your masks on.

V&S Chairman Etienne Elskens

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Presidents Report

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021

I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and look forward to a safe and healthy New Year. 2020 has been a year we will never forget because of the COVID -19 and the many restrictions. We mourn the loss of family and friends.

We have cancelled all of our events since the start of the virus. The BAA Board met and only cancelled two board meetings to make decisions to keep our members safe and healthy. I want to thank all of the Board members during these difficult and frustrating times.

We did not have the November or December General meetings to nominate and elect an Executive Board and Board members. Therefore, the current Board has agreed to continue until we have the next General meeting. At that meeting the nominations and election will take place. All current Board members have indicated if nominated they will continue to serve you for the next two years.

If there are any members in good standing wishing to seek a nomination for the Executive Board or a Board member they need to call Joe Dubay? You can find his telephone number in the BAA directory.

The Board has waived the 2021 dues for all members who paid in 2020. The fifteen members who did not pay must pay the 2021 dues. This direction was decided by the Board because of the cancelled meetings, events and dinners.

We have also decided to postpone the Saturday, January 23, 2021 Installation party for the safety and health of our members. The COVID-19 and restrictions of the Governor

which may continue for weeks or months have led us to this decision. The new vaccine hopefully will help us remain safe and healthy. So please save the date of Saturday, May 8, 2021 for our BAA Installation party. We will keep you advised if there are any changes.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me at r.hison@att.net or (586)772-9027.

Bob Hison
President

Scholarship Report

It has been an unusual year for the BAA, and it includes the scholarship program. Normally we award three scholarships among the applicants, but since we have not spent as much money running the club this year, we decided to award four scholarships. This will be a one year event.

The four selected to receive the \$1000 award are Mark Damphouse, McKenzie Huyghe, Shelby Knoblock and Tyler Knoblock.

Mark Damphouse is the son of Ray and Mariann Damphouse. He is a 2019 graduate of Lakeshore High School with a 3.48 GPA. He had a 1050 SAT score and a 24 composite ACT. While in high school he played football on the freshman, JV and varsity teams. He was a member of the Lakeshore Archery Club, trap team, and a member of the National Honor Society. Mark worked part time at Kroger's and did various volunteer jobs. He was also on the All Macomb Conference Academic Team for football, and achieved first place in archery competitions three years in a row at the state level.

McKenzie Huyghe is the daughter of Ray and

Colleen Huyghe. She graduated from Chippewa Valley High School in 2018 and currently attends Macomb County Community College. She with a 2.5 GPA and an 880 SAT score. Currently in her sophomore year at MCCC she carries a 3.8 GPA. While in high school she was on the varsity swim team and swam freestyle, back stroke and butterfly. She was also a teacher cadet at Erie Elementary School. McKenzie did volunteer service for Gleaners Food Bank, and has been on the Dean's List her entire time at MCCC.

Next we have a brother and sister, Tyler and Shelby Knoblock, the son and daughter of Chad and Catherine Knoblock. Mom was a scholarship recipient when she graduated from high school. Tyler graduated from North Huron High School in 2019 with a 3.85 GPA and a 1260 SAT score. Shelby graduated from North Huron High School in 2020 with a 3.48 GPA and a 970 SAT score. Tyler played football, basketball, baseball, golf, track and cross-country throughout his high school years. He was also in the school band, the Student Council and the National Honor Society. He also received various all-league awards for his various athletic endeavors. Tyler is now attending Central Michigan University and has a 3.86 GPA through his freshman year.

Shelby played basketball, track, cross-country and volleyball during her high school years, She was also a cheerleader, played in the band, was in Student Council and the National Honor Society. Shelby received awards for basketball and cheerleading. She now attends Central Michigan University.

We all wish these young people continued success in their academic pursuits, and we hope they find careers that give them great pleasure.

Al VanDenBergh
Scholarship Chairman

Band Report

Brother Members,

The BAA band has been quiet since March when we had our last practice.

While many of our events have been cancelled or postponed, we look forward to the possibility to start again when the pandemic ends..

Hopefully, when the situation improves, you will be able to hear us. Have a safe and Happy New Year.

Best Regards,
Larry Mahieu
Band Chairman
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Obituary Report

The following member recently passed away.

Name	Joined BAA
George Lesperance	July 1994
Bill Meyers	January 2007

May our deceased brother rest in peace and let Perpetual light shine upon them.

Also remember Odelia Willaert, wife of Don Williaert, passed away on December 8 and Jan Haezebrouck, wife of Jeffery Haezebrouck, passed away on December 14. Leona Verhaeghe, mother of Dale and Jack Verhaeghe, passed away in October. Charles Myslinski Jr father also passed away

Michael Gray
Obituary Chairman