

## Entertainment Report

I would like to start by saying it was great to see everyone at the March General meeting as the club starts slowly ramping up our activities. The only activity planned at this time is our golf outing on Sunday, June 13th at Timberwood Golf Club, with a shotgun start at 2 pm. \$35 dollars includes golf food and refreshments on the course and after. If you would rather golf 9 holes the cost is \$20 dollars. This year we have to pay in advance so see me with cash or check. Remember you can bring your family and friends to golf in this scramble.

Butch DeSmet  
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## Recreation Report

### BIEN WINNERS

No Game  
**BIEN CHAMPIONS**  
 Roger Omeye 165 pts

### DARTS WINNERS

Ed DeSmet 580 pts  
**DARTS CHAMPIONS**  
 N/A

### EUCHRE

No Games  
**EUCHRE CHAMPIONS**  
 John Vanek 78 pts

### PINOCHLE WINNERS

Etienne Elskens 262 pts  
**PINOCHLE CHAMPIONS**  
 Mike Huyghe 538 pts

### "31" WINNERS

Brian Hilliwere 2 pts  
**"31" CHAMPIONS**  
 Brian Hilliwere 6 pts

Rick Dauw  
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## Presidents Report

Spring has begun and our clocks are turned ahead to welcome more sunshine and good times. Hopefully, the COVID-19 is behind us and we start planning events for the BAA. However, the Governor is still restricting us to fully meet in the short term. So, it is necessary to cancel our April 20, 2021 Joint Dinner. Instead, the BAA Board is planning a regular April 20, 2021 General meeting and will continue to have regular General meetings every third Tuesday until further notice.

The May 8, 2021 Installation Dinner is still in jeopardy and the Board will decide at their meeting on April 7, 2021 whether to proceed or postpone. We will advise you by written notice, email, website and Facebook.

On a more positive note, we look forward to some planned events. Please save the dates for the June 13, 2021 Golf Outing, July 11, 2021 Joint BAA/BACC Picnic and the August 2, 2021 BAA Band Concert at Wahby Park in St. Clair Shores. Details of each event will be made available for you by Butch DeSmet and Larry Mahieu.

Hopefully, everyone is getting or has received their vaccine to protect you and your families. We are moving in the right direction and leaving the sad memories of the COVID-19 behind us. But at the same time continue to stay safe so we can begin to get back to normal.

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

Bob Hison  
President

## Membership

Hello fellow Belgian American members. Hope all is well so far in 2021. It has been a rough past year, but we see light at the end of the tunnel. As more people get their COVID shots we are headed towards getting back to doing the activities we enjoy and seeing our fellow BAA members.

We had a meeting on March 16, 2021. Good news we are starting out on a positive note for membership. We inducted new member David Ogloza. David is from Belgium and has been in the United States for three years. Welcome David! Also, we had one guest James DeWolf. We also have one other member to induct David DeBolle. Let's keep membership on a positive track and keep the herd healthy. If you know of any prospective new members let's sign them up.

I can be reached via cell phone and email listed on the website. I can send a membership form or if you are close to St. Clair Shores; or drop one off to you. Also, forms are on the website at thebaa.us. Remember Membership Matters. Good luck and see you at a future meeting. Thank you for your time and help in recruiting new members.

Ken DeWolf  
Membership Chairman

## Obituary Report

The following member recently passed away, January 2012-March 15, 2021.

Name	Date of Death	Joined BAA
Robert Rancilio	January 20, 2021	July 2005
Maurice Osaer	January 31, 2021	June 1969 (Life member)
Ted Monahan	February 25, 2021	March 1998

May our deceased brothers rest in peace.

Let perpetual light shine upon them.

Michael Gray  
Obituary Chairman

## Scholarship Report

The school year is winding down, and if you have a child who is graduating this year or who has graduated from high school in the last two years (and has not received this scholarship) he/she may apply for one of the three \$1000 scholarships the BAA offers. The requirements are on the application. Applications are available at the April or May meetings, or I will mail you one if you contact me.

Al VanDenBergh  
Scholarship Chairman  
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## Band Report

Brother Members,  
The BAA band has been quiet for over a year now. We had our last practice in February, 2020. However, we are optimistic that the situation will improve!

Two outdoor events have been added to the BAA Band schedule:

1. BAA CLUB PICNIC – Sunday Afternoon, July 11th – Near the pavilion at the newly remodeled Blossom Heath Park at 24800 Jefferson, between 9 and 10 Mile.
2. WAHBY PARK - Monday evening, August 2nd – Near the hill in front of Blossom Heath. This event was formerly arranged by the Kiwanis. However, starting from this year, the City of St. Clair Shores will be managing this event.

In addition, 2021 marks the 90th Anniversary of our band's existence. We typically celebrate somewhere around November 22, the feast day of St. Cecilia, patron Saint of musicians. If circumstances allow, then we will try to find a way to celebrate later this year.

Best Regards,  
Larry Mahieu  
Band Chairman  
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