



THE BEACH CLUB

By Douglas H. Frazer

The Beach Club, tucked away on Fox Point's North Beach Drive, is the village's oldest continuing operating institution. Unpretentious and understated, it is a rustic cottage maintained for its members to enjoy the beauty and quiet of the lake.

In 1909 the Fox Point Club acquired the property, including its 100' lakefront, as an amenity to the clubhouse and 9-hole golf course on the bluff. (The Fox Point Club later installed the clubhouse tennis courts and a swimming pool.)

In 1936 certain Fox Point Club members formed the Beach Land Company and purchased the site. Eventually, Beach Club members created the Fox Point Beach Club, Inc., a non-stock corporation, to lease and operate the site.

Generally, the season runs from May through October. Kayaking, paddle boards and swimming opportunities exist. There are family nights and adult parties. Members also enter a lottery for a private event night.

The Beach Club operates like a co-op; the members maintain the property, organize use, and make sure the cottage and property are clean and tidy at all times.

The Beach Club is limited to sixty member units. A long waiting list exists. Given its nature as a private hideaway, the club guards, and the village respects, its privacy.

In 1984 the Beach Club and the village arrived at an agreement concerning hours of operation and limitation on the number of people on the property at one time. This arrangement has worked well.

The Beach Club co-exists harmoniously in the context of the residential neighborhood in which it sits. It is a longstanding tribute to continuity, and the quiet, family-oriented nature of our village.

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