

# BEACH DIRT

The official newsletter of the TORONTO WINDSURFING CLUB  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's a bright, sunny February 22 and I'm enjoying my first visit to TWC in nearly two months. Half the Outer Harbour appears frozen over (ice chunks pushed together by the wind), but towards the Eastern Gap the water is a startling aquamarine colour in stark contrast to the white snow and ice. An incredibly deep blue sky, spotted with a few puffy cumulus clouds adds to the brilliance. Our site is a winter park ...and I'm standing cozy and warm INSIDE the clubhouse! The windows and doors are in, allowing me to enjoy the absolute best view of the Outer Harbour in winter ...while standing inside! Awesome! Great job to complete phase one (shell, doors and windows) of the Clubhouse! Thanks Nick and everyone else involved!



Honey guards the new clubhouse windows and doors!



The best view of the Outer Harbour...from indoors!

I was similarly overwhelmed, helping to pull the spring newsletter together and realizing how much TWC is accomplishing. The winds of change (TWofC) continue to blow at TWC and in most cases spell improvement. The newsletter sports a new format; a coloured information brochure (thanks and welcome back Bill Mackenzie!) to be used all season and an informal B/W Beach Dirt, which will be more newsy this year. The Clubhouse rolls steadily towards completion instead of crawling, pushed by Nick LeDonne, Mike Tindall, Jon Matthews, Ian Hayes, and steered by Jane Tindall as new Clubhouse Committee chair. The Trillium Grant has fired both the Clubhouse and the Learn to Windsurf Program (fuelled also by Andree Gauthier's energy...read Learn to Windsurf Grows W-I-D-E-R!). The Hatteras Trip (only one month away) continues to grow beyond our expectations! We have the best weekly club racing in North America and in spite of our expenditures, TWC is in good financial shape!

The fact that the club is enjoying such success is really no surprise. We have terrific people on our Board of Directors. (Thanks to retiring directors; Dave Knight [two years], Scott Marshall [several years], Karen Mitchell [one year] and Terry Vaughan [two years]. Welcome to new directors; Eric del Junco, Bob Lackey, Bill Mackenzie [returning after several years] and Bob Shuttleworth.) We have a supportive, interested membership. We've been blessed by the City of Toronto with stewardship of a fabulous piece of Toronto shoreline, we share an interest in a great sport AND...almost all of the areas of growth were supported strongly three years ago when we did a member survey.

Please take a few minutes to consider where you'd like your club to go in the next few years, fill in the accompanying survey, send it back with your membership application and we'll do our best to follow your direction. Enjoy your season and your club!

Bill

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Included  
 2004 Membership Application  
 2004 TWC Information Brochure  
 2004 Member survey

**Early Bird Deadline for 2004 fees...March 31 ...save \$25.00!**