



# Chester Bowl

Improvement Club

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## CBIC

# Annual Report

2008-09

**Vision Statement:**

The purpose of CBIC is to promote sustainable, quality programs for all Chester Bowl Park users in a healthy and safe environment.

## A Message from the Board Chair

Dear CBIC Friends,

The fiscal year 2008-2009 was a challenging and exciting year for the CBIC. Many changes took place over the past year starting with the building of the new playground. Through fundraising by CBIC and support from the City of Duluth, nearly 100 volunteers took to the park in May and erected a new state of the art playground that will be used by park children of all ages for decades to come.

CBIC helped support another successful summer youth program at Chester Bowl Park. Close to 140 children were registered for the program that involved physical fitness activities, a lunch program, group as well as individual activities and many adventurous field trips throughout the city via the DTA.

Summer's end brought about one of the biggest challenges ever faced by CBIC. Due to budget cuts, nearly all of the City of Duluth Parks and Recreation department's Recreational Specialists were laid off, including Billy Davis who was the specialist at Chester Bowl. This meant that not only the Fall Festival but the entire winter program was in jeopardy. The CBIC was able to save these important programs by hiring Billy Davis as our Executive Director. To allow CBIC to operate the ski program, a new agreement with the City of Duluth was drafted. Through a last minute letter writing campaign, and volunteers giving testimony to the City Council, the new agreement was approved and another fun and exciting ski season was under way.

Due to the commitment of many members and friends, our first wine and cheese tasting event

and silent auction raised nearly \$15,000 to help with the many new costs CBIC incurred last year.

This past year also saw numerous changes to the CBIC Board of Directors. Due to our increased responsibilities associated with running the park, the CBIC formed a planning committee, revised its by-laws and expanded the Board of Directors from 4 to 11 members. Many new volunteers have stepped forward to help in our important, ongoing transition from what might be more accurately described as a steering committee type board to a governing Board of Directors.

Our winter program was once again the highlight of our year. Over 800 participants took part in the ski program this past year. A full schedule of races was held and another Winter Carnival was attended by hundreds of children, young adults, parents, and grandparents.

The most recent change for CBIC is that Billy Davis has returned to a position with the City. Although we face the challenge of finding a new Director, we wish Billy all the best. Our sincere appreciation goes out to Billy for the wonderful job he has done running our programs and we look forward to Billy's continued presence at the hill as a volunteer and participant.

A special thanks to all our sponsors, friends, funders, and volunteers for another wonderful year at Chester Bowl. Without all of your commitment and dedication to our young people, this wonderful experience that is the Chester Bowl community would not be possible.

Sincerely,

Paula Williams

Chair, CBIC Board of Directors

## Financials

The necessity of hiring staff and provide liability, fire, and loss insurance for the park before we could begin the ski season this past year, created a new financial challenge for the CBIC. Many new and past volunteers stepped forward to meet this challenge. Dedicating time and talent to new fundraisers, negotiations with the City of Duluth, grant writing, and cost cutting measures enabled the CBIC to continue to provide the same quality winter program our users have come to expect at Chester Bowl.

Because the annual meeting takes place a few weeks prior to or fiscal year ending, the ending balance listed under account balances is not an accurate reflection of the fiscal yearend balance. The amount reflected in Ski Program Expenses includes all deposit refunds. As of this report, not all refunds had been made, which accounts for the difference between the starting accounts balances and the YTD ending accounts balances.

2008-09 beginning balance	\$60,962.49
2008-09 YTD balance	\$ 68,268.75
2008-09 Income	\$118,454.08
2008-09 Expenses	\$ 119,205.62
Operating Income (Loss)	(751.54)

Category	Income	Percent
Ski Program	\$62,601.72	52.84%
Fundraisers	\$17,976.25	15.18%
Concessions	\$11,711.54	9.89%
City of Duluth	\$10,000.00	8.44%
Fall Festival	\$6,978.51	5.89%
Donations	\$4,699.00	3.97%
Summer Program	\$4,487.06	3.79%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$118,454.08</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Category	Expenses	Percent
Ski Program	\$26,154.18	21.94%
Fundraisers	\$2,675.99	2.24%
Concessions	\$10,545.99	8.85%
City of Duluth	\$0	0.00%
Fall Festival	\$1,666.60	1.40%
Donations	\$0	0.00%
Summer Program	\$5,405.50	4.53%
Playground	\$21,973.08	18.43%
Park Maintenance	\$523.66	0.44%
Volunteer Gifts	\$1,534.00	1.29%
Insurance	\$8,381.81	7.03%
Personnel Costs	\$32,855.06	27.56%
Use and Sales tax	\$3,940.00	3.31%
Office	\$1,372.58	1.15%
Accounting	\$937.08	0.79%
Misc.	\$1,240.09	1.04%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$119,205.62</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## CHESTER BOWL IMPROVEMENT CLUB

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chester Bowl Improvement Club's board of directors is composed of CBIC members who combine a commitment to the shared vision of CBIC with exceptional leadership and business skills. Elected board members serve three-year terms, coincident with CBIC's fiscal year. Listed below, by year in which their term ends, are the directors on CBIC's board, their occupations and representative accomplishments.

Term expiring April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010:

#### **Dan Menor**

Chemist, Project Leader; Ikonics Corporation  
Secretary; CBIC, 2007-present  
Finance Committee; CBIC, 2009  
Board member, Finance Committee member;  
Holy Rosary School, 2001-2007  
Steering Committee member; Duluth Tenant's  
Union, 1989-1991

#### **Chris Peterson**

Vice-Chair; CBIC, 2006-2009  
Chair Finance Committee; CBIC, 2009

#### **Peter Spooner (interim appointment)**

Curator of Collections; Tweed Museum of Art,  
University of Minnesota Duluth  
Chair Programs Committee; CBIC, 2009  
Advisory Board Member; Duluth Public Library,  
2008-present  
Basic Patroller, EMC and ski toboggan training;  
National Ski Patrol, 2007-present  
Founding member, Board member, Secretary;  
Artist Relief Fund, 2003-present

#### **Paula Williams**

Chair Executive Committee; CBIC, 2004-  
present

Term expiring April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011:

#### **Mark Berns (interim appointment)**

Vice President, CFO; H. Christiansen Co.  
Finance Committee; CBIC, 2009  
Chair Facilities Planning Commission, St.  
John's Hospital  
Executive Board, M&S Inc., 1990-1992, 1997-  
present

#### **Nancy Gruetzmacher**

Owner, HR director; Northern States Basement  
Systems  
Treasurer; CBIC, 2005-present  
Finance Committee; CBIC, 2009  
Active member; Congdon Parent Teacher  
Association

#### **George Vacek (interim appointment)**

Global Business Director, Scientific Research  
Solutions; Hewlett-Packard  
Chair Nominations Committee, Chair Bylaws  
Committee; CBIC, 2009  
Board of Advisors; Pharma Connections  
Worldwide, LLC, 2006 – present  
Advisory Committee; Indo-US Lecture Series on  
Mathematical Chemistry, 2006 – 2008  
Chair Strategic Development Committee;  
OpenEye Scientific Software, 2002 – 2005