



PASSING SHOTS



Spring (almost!) 2011

As the rain dashes the window pane and the wind howls, what better than to think of tennis, sunshine and another great season at our Club!

Firstly a few highlights from our **Annual General**

Meeting. Retiring President **Wendy Sider's** detailed report touched on projects being undertaken by the Club, recognition to Executive members and members at large for their contributions during the past year and a few gentle reminders about the value of our club. 2010 Treasurer **Pierre Robinson** advised that the Club finances remained healthy but he also noted that there were three significant items under budget requirements for 2011 – a new *hot water tank*, some *kitchen updates* and the requirement for a *new and improved door access card reader*. More of these later.

Awards (deferred from the much protracted Club Tournament) were presented to **Richard Bahnman** and **Michele LeNoble** - *most improved players* and **Hilary Strauss** - *the Aleiki Stubbs award*.

There were some bylaw changes concerning *membership categories and fees*, including a revision to encourage more Intermediate (younger) members.

If you were unable to attend the AGM, just a reminder that you can read the President and Treasurer's reports and the minutes on our website. They are 'members only' documents so if you haven't signed in just go to the Home Page and enter a username and password. Minutes are also posted at the Club.

This is your new 2011 Executive:

- President – Pierre Robinson
- Vice President – Wendy Sider
- Treasurer – Don Campbell
- Secretary – Amelia Weatherbe
- Membership – Rick Keffer
- Communications – Bob Broughton
- Junior Program – Marko Majkic
- Building and Grounds – Mike Neal
- Organized Play – Jeff Cathcart
- Social – Fabio Prado

We appreciate their willingness to volunteer their time. A special thank you to **Wendy** for her three years of hard work as President and for agreeing to stand as Vice President this year to help ensure a smooth transition of responsibilities.

Robert Sauvé is moving on after many years of great service to NWTC. We thank him for his hard work and for taking such great care of our grounds. Our appreciation to **Don Campbell** and **Lee Stevens** for stepping up to the plate to share the duties of this position.

Another thank you - to **Tina and Voya** for kindly donating their TV to the Club. We greatly appreciate all offers that will benefit our Club and members. Please contact a member of the Executive if you have something you would like to donate.

Volunteers are needed to help Social Director **Fabio Prado** spruce up the Club's main area and lounge/TV room in a cost effective way. If you have ideas and a little time, Fabio would love to hear from you -fprado@telus.net or 604-583-8500.

Upcoming events at the Club:

New Entry Proximity Card System

You can collect your new card on **March 6 and 12, 1-3pm., March 19** (Clean-Up Day) **11am-3pm.** More about this below.

Courts to be power washed –

March 9th-10th. Please note that courts will be unavailable on these dates.

Clean Up Day - March 19, 11-3pm

Your help to spruce up the club house in readiness for the new season will be greatly appreciated. Sign up at the Club or email Rick Keffer at rkeffer88@shaw.ca

Open House – April. Stayed tuned for more information.

On that note a reminder that **dues are payable by April 1st** and the *late fee will be enforced.*

And, at the same time as picking up your new access card, check to see if the **2011 shoe tags** are available.

Club Survey – as we begin a new tennis season here's a great opportunity to help your Club Executive move forward by letting them know what kind of club you want.

If you haven't already done so please take the time to go to

www.surveymonkey.com/s/VP2BD9B and complete the simple survey.

.....whether you're playing competitively or just for fun, have a wonderful tennis season.

Spring Leagues - good luck to our teams who are getting ready for their first match. We have 2 ladies teams and 3 men's teams this year and Captains are as follows:

Ladies Div 2 - Cheryl Uunila

Ladies Div 5 - Janet Gastaldo/Michele LeNoble

Men's A - Mike Neal

Men's - B2 - Aaron Rivard

Men's – C1 - Lee Stephens

Major Projects - after much research and study by the Executive we now have a **new hot water tank**. Discussions are ongoing as to how to use the ventilation system to the best advantage in conjunction with the hot water system. For health and sanitation reasons a **dishwasher** and **new counter tops** are also in the works.

Door Access Card Reader - you have recently received an email about the new door access card system and the dates you can collect your card (listed above). The cost of the improved more up-to-date system is considerable and a nominal deposit of \$10 will be charged. Please also remember you must pay your 2011 Membership fees before receiving your card!

