



PASSING SHOTS



Summer 2011

Well, our calendar says its summer even if Mother Nature is not convinced, so... lots of **summer** events and happenings to tell you about.

COURT LIGHTS

Following the recent e-mail broadcast regarding the use of court lights past 11pm, members are reminded that they should take the time to familiarise themselves with the club rules contained in the 2011 Club Information and Membership Roster. *We expect all members to abide by these rules.*

Summary of Current and Upcoming Events:

SUMMER POT LUCK RACKET DEMO DAY

Sat August 6

see below for more details.

CLUB TOURNAMENT

Fri Aug 19 to Sun Sep 5 (weekday evenings and weekends all day)

See below for more information.

BEACH LEAGUE - Inter-club

Sunday mornings (home and away)

July 17 to Aug 14.

WEBSTER CUP

Annual tournament with White Rock club

Sun September 18.

.And don't forget that the **ODLUM BROWN VANC. OPEN** is on at *Hollyburn Country Club* **July 30 to Aug 7.**

CLUB TOURNAMENT

Please note our new earlier dates. Hopefully we'll have sunshine for the whole event!

Participants please note this year's tournament will be run similar to external tournaments – *restrictions and rules will be more stringently enforced to keep the events running smoothly and on schedule.*

The **Parent and Child** event will be run as an **Adult and Child** event to allow an adult member to play with a junior – the junior will *not* be required to be a member. In this way we hope to promote junior membership. This event will be focused on the **fun** aspect of tennis and prizes will be awarded to all participating junior players.

A **SUMMER POT LUCK** is scheduled for **Sat August 6**. Details will be out soon. The success of these events is due to our dedicated **volunteers**. If you have not volunteered in the last 2 years, we would particularly appreciate it if you would help out this time and give regular volunteers a break. Please contact **Fabio Prado** or **Lee Stevens**. Note that you can also try out **new rackets** on the same day, courtesy of *Rackets & Runners*.

THIS AND THAT.....

Spring Leagues - kudos to Captains and all NWTC participants. Competition was tough but we held our own! *Congratulations to **Amelia Weatherbe** and **Rose Pennington** for reaching the *Burnaby 3.5 ladies doubles finals* and again to **Rose** – she was also a *Delta Singles 4.0 finalist*. **Wimbledon Finals Social** - we had a great turnout for our traditional celebration with strawberries and cream fare prepared and served by volunteers **Colleen Hawes, Monica MacDonald, Renata Tomek, Pat Lum, Sheila Price, Erika Justmann Rowell and Hilary Strauss**. Our thanks to them and bravo to all those who came resplendent in white for the event!!*

Beach League is underway. We have just won our first match against White Rock - a hard-fought battle including 5 tie-break sets!! Congratulations players. Welcome to our **newest members, Lara Moore, Benjamin Suan** and welcome *back* to **Ray King**.

A COUPLE OF REMINDERS:

Organized Mixed Play is on Saturday mornings for the month of July. If you'd like to join in please contact **Frank Benoit** fibenoit@shaw.ca or 604-524-4318.

Ball Machine – please use between the hours of *9am and 9pm* in consideration of our neighbours. The machine is currently in for repairs but we hope to have it back very soon.

COURT ETIQUETTE AND SIGN-UP

BOARD -feedback has been positive regarding the document posted on the sign-up board. There are those, however, who are slow to adopt the directions. Please remember the simple but important task of using the **score cards**. We know there are some in need of replacement and this is being looked into. Thanks to **Colleen Hawes, Pierre Robinson, Harminder Bhupal, Chuck Condon, Hilary Strauss, and Jeff Cathcart** for volunteering their time to make this happen.

Social Play - *there have been one or two questions about the definition of 'Social Play'*. NWTC distinguishes **Social Play**, and it's allocated time slots, from **Competitive Play**.

As much as tennis is a 'gentleman's sport', the speed and strength of the modern game is here to stay. While both social and competitive play must include sportsman-like conduct becoming that of a gentleman or lady, there are many who see the bigger hitting as daunting and don't feel comfortable playing in that setting. As a result NWTC has done its best to allocate times for social play when both competitive players and social players can mix to play tennis which focuses on the fun and social engagement aspect of tennis.

KITCHEN COUNTERS - on **August 5** our kitchen counters are being replaced. This will involve considerable mess and noise - the kitchen and most of the upstairs interior will be off-limits from **8am-3pm**. Courts will still be available during that time.



And now for our '**did you know that....?**' section:

Many of the changes to the 2011 edition of **Rules of the Court**, Tennis Canada, pertain to time delays. One of these changes applicable to our level of league/tournament tennis is that medical time-outs are no longer allowed for cramping. A player may receive treatment during not more than two change over/set breaks (not including the initial one for evaluation). If a player cannot continue to play until a change over/set break, they must forfeit the points/games necessary to get to the next change over/set break to receive treatment. In all cases, treatment time cannot exceed the change over/set break time of 90 seconds and 120 seconds respectively.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST!

We have said 'so long' to Susan McGuinness, club member for over 7 years who has retired after a 26 year career with MacDonald Dettwiler. Susan has just driven solo back to her native Eastern Townships where she will curl, volleyball and "have a great time in retirement". Good luck Susan and please come back to see us and 'hit a ball' very soon.

That's all for this one. Have fun on the tennis court and wherever you are this summer!