



PASSING SHOTS

May 2016



With the help of El Nino, climate change, global warming (or whatever you deem to be the reason for our amazing Spring) the 2016 tennis season at NWTC has

taken off with a bang!

League matches, Ladies and Men's nights and organized play on Friday mornings are well under way. A big thanks again to **Marilyn Aldworth** and **Chris Morrey-Jones** for once again looking after Ladies Night and Organized Play on Friday mornings respectively and to Captains of the Men's teams - A2 **Harminster Bhupal**, B2 **Shawn Duffy**, C1 **Hui Shi** and for the ladies: Div. 4 Day, **Cheryl Uunila** and Div. 4 Night **Janet Gastaldo**.

EVENTS COMING UP....

OPEN HOUSE – May 14/15, 1-4pm

Please come and help show off our great club and spread the word to work colleagues, friends and family.

FREE INTRODUCTORY TENNIS LESSONS - In May and June.

More details in separate article.

JUNIOR PROGRAM REGISTRATION (in person) – May 21, 10am to 12 Noon

NEW MEMBERS DAY - Jun 4, 1-4pm

Mark in your calendar and stay tuned for more info!

BEACH LEAGUE – June – August

See separate article.

JUNIOR CAMP – July 4 - 28

See separate article.

INTRODUCTORY TENNIS

LESSONS A new offer from your Executive and Club Pro to improve your tennis skills and it's free! (full details were sent in an e-mail on April 30). **On May, June 11 and June 25** drill sessions will be held from **3-4:30pm**. Watch your inbox the week prior to each of these dates for the sign-up e-mail. The first 16 people to reply will be eligible. Players will be grouped in fours by skill level and Coach will decide with group whether to give technique tips, doubles strategy or general drills with pointers. (Priority given to those who have not previously attended but space permitting, players can participate more than once). Do make sure that the Club has your current e-mail address.

CAPTAINS NEEDED FOR BEACH LEAGUE

(ideally one for ladies and one for men). Beach League is friendly competition between local clubs with a post match social hosted by the home club. Matches are held Thurs eve and Sun a.m. from mid June to mid August.

Captains's Role is to:

- recruit enough players committed to team
 - communicate with other captains and league organizer
 - organize potluck for home match socials
- Criteria for participating: Ladies - Div. 2 or lower; Men - 3.5 rating or lower; only two players 29 or younger allowed per team.

Contact André arseniclad@hotmail.com or Harminster hbhupal@hotmail.com if you'd like to volunteer or would like more info.

Members - If you weren't able to play in Spring leagues, how about trying out Beach League?

SUMMER JUNIOR CAMP runs **July 4th – 28th**. Register by **May 21** and save \$25 (Club members pay only \$115, non-members \$135). After May 21 regular rates apply (\$140/\$160). Posters and registration forms are available at club sign-in desk. Please help us by circulating posters in your apartment buildings, workplace, gym, etc.

SPRING LEAGUE MATCHES

Congratulations to our **Ladies Day Div.4** and **Men's C1 teams** who are running in 1st place in their divisions. To our other teams who are struggling a little more, keep at it, we're rooting for you!

Please come out and support our teams and enjoy the beautiful weather on our fine deck (Check our website calendar for all matches and events).

A gentle reminder on days of League play – when you see a tempting array of food and drinks at the club, it is generally for league players! Please refrain from helping yourself until it is offered to you or you are certain it is for general consumption!

ITEMS OF INTEREST AND SOME SEASON REMINDERS:

Tuesday Organized Ladies Doubles - all female NWTC members are welcome to participate in this social and competitive format which allows for mixing with other players. There are usually two shifts, starting at 6pm and 7:15pm. E-mail **Marilyn** at mj@griffledon.ca if you would like to play or need more info. You can also contact **Chris** at the same e-mail address about **Friday Mixed Organized Play**.

A big thank you to **Mischa** for making those blue **scorecard covers**. A great idea for protecting the scorecards from the elements. Please remember to replace them, particularly when you are the last to play in the evening.

A plea from your Executive - When you receive an e-mail message that says "**PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE**" Please do **NOT**!! If you read to the end of the message it will tell you what to do and/or who to contact if specific action is required.

And on a similar subject (one of the writer's pet peeves!) please *try not to reply to "all"* when the answer to the e-mail you receive just concerns you and the sender.

Recycling - please put all recyclables (plastic and metal bottles, cans, juice boxes, etc. in the beige recycling container on the deck and make sure to request guests to do the same. Help save our planet!

E-mail is our primary method of contact. Its cost-effectiveness helps to keep our volunteer-run club running efficiently with lower fees. Please make sure the Club has your **current e-mail address**.

SECURITY ACCESS CARD

UPDATES and a chance to win a free lesson! All members are asked to e-mail their name and security card number (the complete code shown on the card) by **Noon May 21, 2016** to membership@nwtennis.com. All those who respond will be entered in a draw to win a 45 min private lesson with the Club Pro.

STORIES FROM MEMBERS -

Denise Suan at the Australian Open

You may remember that last year Denise told us her story of meeting her tennis heroes (and hitting balls with them!) at the Powershare Series Tournament at UBC. Now she has made it her goal to attend one official WTA or ATP tournament per year and in January she went to her fourth – **the Australian Open**. She has lots of tips for anyone thinking of making the trip. Importantly (and like most Slams) the first week offers fans a grounds pass for about C\$30-40 which permits entry to all courts, (except for Rod Laver and Margaret Court) and you can stay for the whole day. The big names generally play in the two main arenas but during the first week Denise had the pleasure of watching the skills of some great international players such as Ferrer, Sock, Isner, Thiem, Cilic, Tomic, Vinci, Gavrilova and our Canadians: Raonic, Pospisil and Bouchard.

She notes that getting there early to a match is ideal to get the best seats but warns that it is very *hot!*

Most of the outside courts are very intimate and sitting courtside, fans need to honour audience/court etiquette. However, "being arms reach from the players was the best part of the whole experience!"

Denise says she splurged a little to see Bouchard take on Radwanska in the Rod Laver Arena and one of the many "Red and Whites" was a "rather animated and inebriated fellow who would yell out "Allez Eugenie" every change over.

Our intrepid tennis fan stayed from 11am to 1am every day and came home with three autographs, a selfie with Pospisil and a lot of great memories!

Of note: The Rod Laver Arena is not just a tennis court – it is a multi-purpose facility seating 15,000 people. It hosts motor bike super-crosses, music concerts, wrestling, ballet and skating events.

Once again, if you have stories or information you would like to share with other members, please e-mail Hilary at blakhi@telus.net.

Have a wonderful summer with lots of fun tennis and remember to check the Club website calendar for all the events coming up.



Did you know that.....?

Our Coach, Shelley Roxburgh has some ***DOUBLES TIPS*** for us:

- increase the percentage of your first serves in the court. As soon as you miss a first serve your opponent goes into "attack mode" putting you on the defence.
- touch and placement are oftentimes far more effective than **KILLING THE BALL**.
- make sure you move **WITH** your partner, don't be too fixated on protecting the alley and make sure the middle of the court is covered. 90% of points are won or lost in the centre part of the court.
- Always have a target in mind before hitting your volley or overhead.

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