



# PASSING SHOTS

## Summer 2016



Did you know that the land where the New West Tennis Club sits was originally set aside for the BC Parliament Buildings? That was before the turn of

the 20<sup>th</sup> Century when members of the New West Lawn Tennis Club met to play at the corner of Blackwood and Carnarvon. Fast forward 90+ years (and a whole lot of history later) to the 80ties and 90ties when members got together and with fundraising and hard work made the installation of 4 hard courts and later the building of our fine club house a reality. On **Sept 10 at 2pm** please join us for our **30 YEAR**

**REUNION TEA**. We will celebrate those events and more, the people who made them happen and the many, many volunteers since who have made sure that the Club continues to thrive.

After the Tea, stay for a while to socialize and cheer on fellow members playing in the **ANNUAL CLUB TOURNAMENT**. If you're not signed up, now's the time! The dates are **Saturday, September 3 to Sunday, September 18**. Entry Form, Tournament Rules and Tournament Website Link can be found on the Club's website Homepage.

**Tournament Entry Deadline is Monday, August 29** and the Tournament Draws will be posted after 5 PM on Wednesday, August 31.

### HOT OFF THE PRESS:

Congratulations to NWTC member **Denise Wong** who has just been appointed to the **Tennis BC Board of Directors**.

### SPRING LEAGUES -

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNING TEAMS! Ladies Div. 4 (Day) and Men's C1** came *first* in their divisions. This qualified both teams to play in the **MIELE CUP CHALLENGE**. The Men **WON** and the ladies were **RUNNERS-UP** in their respective divisions. Kudos to both teams.



**Hal Shin, Sergiy Shchetynin, Mohammed Somji, Chris Hilliam., Hui Shi (Capt), Albert Tom, Rob Gottfried.**



**Back R. Amelia Weatherbe, Vicki Condon, Lori Beechinor, Marilyn Aldworth, Sheila Price, Front R. Cheryl Uunila (Capt), Terri Welch. Missing: Signy Novak.**

We thank all our teams for their participation in these inter-club tournaments and wish them well next year.

The combined organizational skills of **JUNIOR PROGRAM** Director **Anne Wong** and the commitment of our excellent **coaches** resulted in great success this year. Here is Anne's report:

"75 kids joined this year. The program was so popular we filled most of the openings by mid-May, we even had to close the registration early!

**Shelley Roxburgh**, our Coaching Pro, ran the program along with **Djordje Leposavic**, and newest coach **Richard Skala**. As a testament to our great coaches, 69% (38 out of 55) of the kids were returning juniors. As well, eight kids, have much improved their tennis skills and are now qualified for Intermediate Membership Status.

Despite the weather, most lessons ran as scheduled and the program ended with a great BBQ and competitive tournament.

Congratulations to **Madeleine Nolan** and **Samantha Candelaria** for winning the Advanced Doubles Championship. Rising star, Madeleine also took home the prize for the Advanced Singles Champion.

Big Thanks to our coaches for their dedication and hard work in making the program a success. Also to **Lee Stevens, Juanita Nolan and Lisa MacNeill** for their assistance during the BBQ. Special thanks to **Hilary Strauss** whose help throughout the program was highly appreciated."

**NEW MEMBERS** - The Club is always looking for ways to encourage new members of all ages. As a result of the successful junior program and the Executive's renewed focus on fostering junior and intermediate Memberships, we are delighted to welcome:

**5 Junior members: Dianna, Shiva, James, Nicole and Forrest;**

**3 Intermediate members: Madeleine, Emily and Savanna.**

In addition, and no less appreciated -

**15 Full members: Cary Allen, Matt Bilton, Matt Peters, Duarte Sousa, Vivian Nguyen, Nicolae Neagu, Scott Manke, Adi Madhavan, Lisa & James MacNeill, Nick Krancevic, Manojlo Druic, Christian Dufresne, Oana Constantin and Nathan Teegee.**

Our Membership Director **Pierre Robinson** also notes a few recent membership trends:

*"More are joining as a family or referring family members; there is an increase in relatively new Canadians and also beginner level adult players".*

Pierre also says *"these trends pose great opportunities for the club to grow and maintain its membership base"* and asks members to be flexible, assist the Executive wherever possible so that the health of the club can be maintained for years to come. Members are asked to seek out new members, include them in social play and show our usual great NWTC hospitality. *"It is often the hospitality and social atmosphere that new members appreciate the most".*

### **ORGANIZED PLAY** - the

*Friday/Saturday Organized Mixed Tennis Program* has had another season of successful participation & will wrap up the last two weeks of this season on Saturday, August 28 & Friday, September 2.

Organizer **Chris Morrey Jones** thanks all who participated and we thank *you* Chris for making it all happen.

We also thank **Marilyn** for again organizing our very successful and fun *Ladies Night*. The turnout every Tuesday evening speaks for itself!

### **AND ONE OR TWO MORE**

**UPDATES...** Congratulations to **Diana Cutting** who sent in her *Access Card number* (remember that?) and won a free lesson with Coach **Shelley**. *Free Introductory Lessons* – this initiative to nurture a better understanding of our Club Pro's role and value resulted in an excellent turnout and very positive feedback. The third (rained out) session is rescheduled for **August 27**.

*Have fun on the tennis courts. We look forward to seeing you at the TOURNAMENT and at the REUNION TEA (you might like to brush up on your Club history - rumour has it there might be prizes!).*