



PASSING SHOTS

SPRING 2017



We might not have seen the back of winter quite yet but it's the beginning of another exciting tennis season at NWTC and your new Executive is already hard at work planning some great new initiatives. For those who were not

able to attend the AGM in January, below are some highlights.

Firstly, It would be remiss not to acknowledge those directors who did not seek re-election this year:

Rob Sider was our President for four years. It's a old cliché but it isn't possible to please *everyone*, let alone *all the time*. Thank you Rob for your time and hard work for the benefit of all of us.

Our appreciation also to **Anne Wong** and **Harminder Bhupal** for their contributions on the Board.

2016 EXECUTIVE PROJECTS

(taken from the President's Report):

Revised **by-laws** to modernize and meet requirements of Societies Act. **Membership** - more emphasis on **Junior Involvement**. **New Ball Machine** purchased.

Court Resurfacing – Tomko persuaded to **repair holes** and repaint courts (see Upcoming Events). Decision made to **replace ballasts** and **lightbulbs**.

Included in 2017 budget: **clubhouse deck repairs, painting**, replacement of (court) **lighting**. Replacement of **sliding doors**. Research into including a **gym facility** in the clubhouse.

In his address Rob Sider also included a tribute to **Tom Tomasic** "one of the founding fathers of our modern club" and to other long-time members who passed away in 2016.

YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE

President, **Andre Scali**
Vice President, **Janet Dickie**
Treasurer, **Denise Wong**
Secretary, **Amelia Weatherbe**
Membership, **Pierre Robinson**
Organized Play, **Adi Madhavan**
Building & Grounds, **Terri Welch**
Social, **Lee Stevens**
Communications, **Peter Szabo**
Junior Program, **Deborah Pettigrew**

Thank you to new directors, **Janet, Adi** and **Deborah** for stepping up to the plate and kudos also to other members who allowed their names to be placed on the ballot but were not successful *this time*. *Any member who would like to help (or shadow an existing director as a way of gaining knowledge of that position) is encouraged to contact a member of the Executive.*

NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For those that don't know me I have been a resident of New Westminster since 1991. I am an insurance professional with a business degree and currently manage the litigation department of an insurance company.

I have been a member of NWTC since the late 1990's and really appreciate the work the volunteers here do to make this a fun place to hang out.

I am pleased and somewhat apprehensive about taking on this role given that no one gave me a user manual on how the place works and therefore will be very reliant on our current enthusiastic Executive for advice.

I will do my best to act in the best interests of the club and occasionally try to hit the ball within the lines!

Thanks and have a great season.

Andre

(A little research on the 2016 NWTC tournament winners reveals that Andre might be being just a little modest about his tennis!)

AWARDS FOR 2016

.....AND THE MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARDS FOR 2016 GO TO.....

Lori Beechinor and Brian Louie.

Congratulations to both players for doing what it takes: playing and practicing lots!

MEMBERSHIP INVOICES AND FEES 2017

Invoices have been distributed.

Membership fees unpaid as of APRIL 5 will be charged a late fee of \$25*.

All members - it is your responsibility to ensure that your current address is provided to membership@nwtennis.com.

Important: Members are also reminded that the bylaws have been amended as follows:

The Executive, Junior, Intermediate and student fees are established at 50% of the regular annual fee e.g. \$95 for 2017.

**Members returning after not paying in a prior year, the following is an excerpt from the approved bylaws:*

Transfer of membership and readmission after termination

2.10 No membership in any class is assignable or transferrable and no member who has ceased to be a member under the provisions of paragraphs 2.7 or 2.8 hereof shall be readmitted to membership except in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.1 and 2.2 hereof.

However, a person who was previously a Regular Adult Member for a continuous period of three (3) years may be readmitted by the Board to membership without paying the full entrance fee, provided however such person shall pay a re-entrance fee equal to the lesser of the entrance fee for the year in which the person reapplies for membership and an amount that is equal to [number of years since the [person ceased being a member] x [25% of the entrance fee for the year in which the person reapplies].

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 23 Maintenance Work on Card Reader (see below).

MAY 1-3 Power Washing and Court Repairs.

W/C MAY 29 Removal of Post (Court 3) Court Repainting

Installation of **New Court Lights** - dates to be confirmed.

AND....

Watch for more info on **Spring/Summer Events** coming very soon.

ACCESS CARD READER

Last year all members were requested to e-mail their access card numbers to membership@nwtennis.com but the response was disappointing. Maintenance on the card reader on *March 23* will result in all cards being deactivated and it will only be possible to reactivate those card numbers which were e-mailed as requested. Anyone unsure whether they sent in their full card number in 2016 will likely be unable to use their card for access until the full reference has been supplied to membership@nwtennis.com.

ORGANIZED PLAY

SPRING LEAGUES

Inter-club matches will be starting soon. Our teams and their captains are as follows:

Ladies Day Div. 3 **Signy Novak/Terri Welch**; Ladies Night Div. 4 **Janet Gastaldo/Sarah Johnson**; Men's A2 **Rob Sider**; Men's B2 Red **Dave Frolik**; Men's B2 Blue **Hal Shin/Adi Madhavan**.

Dates for home games will be on our website calendar soon - come out and support our players!

NEW PROPOSALS

Organized Play director **Adi** is working on several proposals to help new club players and any member who wants to have more fun playing and improve his/her game:

Mixed Doubles timeslot **Friday Eve**

Singles timeslot **Wed Eve** (re-introduce)

Beginners Timeslot **Saturday pm** (tentative)

NB: Some Courts will always be available for 'regular' play.

If you have some thoughts and would like to contact Adi, e-mail him at

organized_play@nwtennis.com

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO:

Tues Ladies Night Organized Play

(April start)

Fri AM Organized Mixed Doubles
(TBA)

If you want to be added to the sign-up list or need more info contact Marilyn or Chris at mj@griffledon.ca (yes, they have kindly agreed to organize once again this year)

and



Did you know that.....?

Tennis is going to the dogs!

Ball dogs were the hit of the 2016 Brazil Open and they returned to the ATP World Tour 250 to chase fuzzy yellow balls. Cindy, Nanda, Pretinha, Mia, Arlete and Ovelha dashed around the red clay in Sao Paulo as Brazilian Marcelo Demolina and Coach, Joao Zwetsch played a few points and posed for photos with the shelter dogs.

The Brazil Open and tournament sponsor PremierR Pet brought in the pooches from two local non-profit dog shelters. All of last year's ball dogs were apparently adopted and the same is hoped for this year. Player Marcelo does think the ball dogs might need a little more practice before taking the court for some primetime ATP World Tour Action!

(taken from the ATP website)

What a great way to raise awareness for shelter animals looking for good homes.

Watch for the next edition of Passing Shots in May or June and roll on warmer weather and fun tennis!

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