



PASSING SHOTS

FALL 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2021 was another challenging year for all of us at the NWTC. But, again, thanks to the hard work and cooperation of our membership, we managed to have a surprisingly productive season. We were able to comply with all mandated health restrictions and vaccination passport requirements, as well as facilitate several organized events such as the Club tournament and the Edith Webster Memorial Cup tournament. We played lots of recreational tennis, conducted both adult lesson programs and mini junior camps and attracted many new members. We renewed our liaison with the City of New Westminster through community lessons which led to increased advertising for the Club and a new source of membership potential.

It was very difficult to navigate through the vaccination passport requirements and its impact on the membership with the closure of the Clubhouse. As a volunteer Club, we do not have the facilities to monitor admission into the Club nor to track members and their guests. The current Board of Directors is presently discussing what to do regarding vaccination requirements for the 2022/2023 season. In fact, there are several club related issues that need to be discussed at next year's AGM and I encourage all members to be in attendance so that they can have a voice in this decision-making process. We will soon know if the AGM can take place in person but please mark your calendars for early *March 2022*.

I cannot stress how important it is for the membership to stay connected to the use and operation of their tennis facility.

At this time, I would like to extend a special thank you to Don C. for the incredible work that he does to keep the grounds and clubhouse safe, clean and in good order. As well, a big thank you to Juanita and Madeleine Nolan for keeping the inside of the clubhouse looking clean and inviting. Our clean up day saw a lot done in the early spring 2021 and I would like to particularly thank Lisa and Arwi for their impressive clean up skills.

Thank you to Shelley Roxburgh and Diego Bedoya for working together with Chris M-J, our hardworking Treasurer, to create another successful year of modified "COVID-19 proofed" junior camps. Another great success this year.

A very special thank you again to Amelia W, our most competent Secretary, whose hard work and energy make this club run smoothly. Thank you to Terri W, Vice-President and Director of Buildings and Grounds, who is willing to get involved and to help organize many of our Club endeavours. Thank you to Natalia L, Membership Director, for managing our incredible new membership base as well as organizing Tuesday Night Ladies Night. Thank you, Fabio P, Organized Play Director, and Peter S., our Communications Director, for your contributions to the Executive Committee this year.

We were able to host many successful events although some of these had to be done on a modified basis.

Nevertheless, our Open House and Wind Up parties were very well attended and attracted several new members. Remember, these events require a lot of hard work and volunteer effort. Please think about stepping forward next year to make things like these events happen! On that note, a very big thank you to Anna and Zach for cooking up a storm whenever called on.....

The Club Tournament was co-ordinated by our enthusiastic Tournament Directors, Juanita and Madeleine, with lots of hard work and patience. Again, it was challenging to maximize participation for all levels. Hopefully something can be done to change this next year. For all tournament information and a full list of winners please check out Club Spark under the members' area.

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2021 Tournament Winners

Singles

Men's 4.0 STEVE BOWER

Men's 3.5 JANGI BANJWA

Women's 3.5 JUNKO BREEN

Women's 3.0 CHARLOTTE MAURICIO

Doubles

Men's 4.0 HARMINDER BHUPAL/PIERRE ROBINSON

Men's 3.5 RAYMOND CHOI/MICHAEL YU

Women's 4.0 SHETAL BHANDAL/ROSE PENNINGTON

Women's 3.5 KAREN IGGULDEN/TERRI WELCH

Mixed Doubles

4.0 STEVE BOWER/MADELEINE NOLAN

3.5 BRYN WILLIAMS/WENDY DAWSON

Congratulations to the winners and kudos to all who participated in the tournament.

Apart from helping to run the tournament, **Madeleine Nolan** has had a particularly successful and exciting year on the tennis front.

She was one of 16 players to qualify for the BC Provincial Championships and won the **Girls U18 Doubles** with partner *Ella Nielsen*. Madeleine didn't stop there – she qualified to participate in the Canadian Nationals and although not a winner, acquitted herself really well, coming 25th out of 65 participants. We congratulate her on her achievements, her competitive spirit and for being a great representative of NWTC.

And on the **International Tennis** scene, have you noted how well our young *Canadian* players continue to do. At the US Open this year **Leylah Annie Fernandez** reached the Women's Singles finals at just 20 years of age, beating No. 3 seed Naomi Osaka and veteran Angie Kerber along the way. **Felix Auger-Aliassime** also excelled losing only to No. 2 seed Daniil Medvedev in the Men's semi-finals. Bravo Canada!

A TRIBUTE TO AUDREY BARBER

Sadly this year NWTC has lost another long standing and much loved member. Audrey, with husband Mel, joined the club when it still had clay courts. She was a member for over 45 years and played into her early 80ties.



*Audrey (far R.)
with NWTC League Team*

With her great knowledge of the Club she became known as the Club Historian and was a participant in several major milestones in the Club's history, including the conversion to hard courts and the building of the new clubhouse in 1995.

Audrey played sports from an early age and she was a five-foot-two basketball star at Queen Elizabeth High School in Surrey. In her working life she was Coordinator of night school and adult day courses in New Westminster's Education Department. She was an avid bridge player, loved the theatre and musicals at Massey Theatre was an annual family event.

Audrey played on NWTC's Women's



Audrey and Mel on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

League team for many years, winning division championships along the way. She rarely missed a Women's Night. She was a team player, made numerous friends and participated in everything she could.

Always willing to give a hand, she was a regular in the kitchen often serving tea and

her homemade goodies (in the days when afternoon tea was a very popular event!).

Audrey is remembered as always being kind, friendly and inclusive. A long time tennis friend says of her "A beautiful lady, inside and out."

Our thoughts are with Mel and all of Audrey's family.



'The Champions' with friend and teammate Lynne Benoit

NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted to have welcomed many new members in 2021. We hope you have enjoyed your first year at the Club and we encourage you to let us know if you have any comments, suggestions or concerns. Please contact *Membership Director, Natalia Leposavic* or any member of the Executive.

Josh Adler, Nitin Arora, Jangi Bajwa, Sukh Braich, Junko Breen, Neel Chatterjee, Jasmin Chun, Mako Endo, Zoran Filipovic, Hans Gerritsen, Donna Gray, Gord Gruger, David Hammond, Jing He, Jairo Jaramillo, Eunjung Kim, Andrew Kwieton, Eric Moolin, Kevin Needham, Emma O'Neill, Venkata Panyam, Hyeongdon Park, Deyal Pooransingh, Michelle Qiao, Deepak Raghavan, Samir Rahane, Kelly Ranford, Katrina Sinclair, Mike Sirilla, Sean Smith, Joseph Anthony Solis, Yoshimi Spurgeon, Makoto Suyama, Alexander Svelnis, Karen Sy-Quia, Victor Tiongco, Ryan Tones, Sean Velasco, Margaret Walker, Che Yaneza-Solis, Mei Yang, Stella Yeo, Masami Zhang and Yingzi Zhang.

Also, a big welcome back to: **Dragana Kosoric, Brian Manderville, Orland Morante, David Redford, Aaron Rivard and Andrew Watson.**

We wish you a happy, safe and healthy winter season and look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting in March.