

# Passing Shots Newsletter 2022



*December 15, 2022*

It has been a busy year with the constraints and restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic finally lifted. Because of that we were able to get back into full swing, welcomed many new members to our club, and some new faces to our Board.

As winter sets in, we look back with longing at the beautiful summer that just passed. Although the season started with a lot of uncooperative weather, it seemed to finish with warm fall days, with tennis play stretching to the end of October. All in all, we were able to host many successful events this year. The Open House was a grand slam and attracted a lot of new members to the club. Membership has increased dramatically in the last 3 years. As such, we have many new faces showing up around the club and on the courts.

Because of this, there appears to be some confusion around the rules of play, in particular the “White Board” rules. It is important that new members be familiar with these rules and we encourage them to learn and understand these rules. They are conveniently posted at the club by the white Board. If you have a problem or a question, please ask a member of the executive to explain them to you.

There is also a 2022 roster booklet available which includes a brief overview of the club conduct as well as the club member contact information.

For full details of all of our summer events and those involved please see the President’s message dated August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

In August, the NWTC club tournament was coordinated by our enthusiastic Tournament Directors, Peter Szabo, and Juanita Nolan (in charge of obtaining all the prizes and awards). Also, a special thanks to all those who volunteered for this fun event.

For all tournament information and a full list of winners, please check out Clubspark under the Members Area for the link. Congratulations to all tournament players, winners, and spectators for their enthusiastic participation and support.

As outdoor play winds down, we are making plans for the 2023 Annual General Meeting and 2023 tennis season. We will be holding the AGM in late January 2023 at the Centennial Community Centre. Stay tuned for further details on that... It is important that those members who would like to have a greater impact on the club and its operations attend this meeting. Everyone is encouraged to become part of the executive team. At the upcoming AGM all of the Board positions will be vacant. If you are interested in a particular position and want to know more about it, please contact the President at: [president@nwtennis.com](mailto:president@nwtennis.com).

## New Members

We are delighted to have welcomed 49 new members in 2022. We hope you have enjoyed your first year at the club and encourage you to let us know if you have any comments, suggestions or concerns. Please contact membership@nwtennis, or any member of the executive:

- Avram Agov
- Greg Albin
- Ayhan Alnejga
- Eddie Arciniega
- Sanchit Balhara
- Geram Bautista
- Soo Bea
- Jozsef Bodri
- Morgan Brown
- Amy Brunelle
- Chris Chan
- Quan Chan
- Valentin Deltov
- Linda DeRuiter
- Darrell Ferrill
- Pallavi Gangarde
- Fenfen Gao
- Kathy Holmes
- Kornelije Jovanovic
- Seong Hun Kang
- Taunya Kriese
- Steven Lee
- Jim Leung
- Jacob Lee
- Andrew Lum
- Hugo Gabriel Marcomini
- Anshul Mathur
- Sid Mathur
- Eugene Ngwenya
- David Nichols
- Lilia Pakhomova

- Ricardo Parodi
- Yaroslav Pelekh
- Remo Pistor
- Brett Robinson
- Hardeep Sahota
- Nicole Silbernagel
- Laura Sirilla
- Kristine Steuart
- Stefanie Tso
- Anne Veilleux
- Yasmin Venegas
- Randy Walker
- John Wilkinson
- William Xin
- Dadi Zhang
- Nicole Zhao

Also, a big welcome back to:

- Michael Gellner
- Gyver Bae
- Adela Lindsey

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And many thanks to...those who showed up and helped with spring cleaning, both inside and outside the club, in anticipation of the 2022 season. Also to all who came early and stayed after a function or event to set up or clean up. And, to those who helped organize the many events we had this year including the men's and women's leagues, the Spring Open House, the NWSS High School team, the Whites and Woodies Social Tournament, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Marilyn Aldworth Ladies Doubles Memorial Tournament, the NWTC Tournament and Wrap up, the Webster Cup, and the fabulous Halloween Costume Party we had in October.

We topped off the year with an absolutely incredible Christmas gala attended by well over 50 people from the club. It was a truly gastronomical event!

## Whites and Woodies Event



## NWTC Club Tournament Winners

Thank you to all those who have willingly volunteered their time, skills and brawn to make this club great again. Remember, participation is the name of the game!.

## A Tribute to Chris Chong

Sadly, in December of 2021 we lost another long-time NWTC member, Chris Chong. Upon moving to New Westminster, he joined the New Westminster Tennis Club.

At 15, he coached the younger children at the club and continued as the club pro through his years at university. He also organized the men's Level "C" league tennis team at NWTC. Another member who volunteered and gave his time freely to the club.

## Housekeeping Matters

Although we would like members to use the club freely, please keep in mind that we are a volunteer-run tennis club and there is no one to monitor or supervise activities that go on in our club. For these reasons, it is very important that we think about doing the following:

- Wash your dishes and put them in the dishwasher
- Wipe down the kitchen counter if necessary
- Change the toilet rolls if empty
- Separate your garbage from recycling and place in the appropriate bins
- Put up the ping pong table after play
- Close and lock back gate after retrieving balls that jump the fence
- Shut all doors and windows before activating the alarm
- Turn off all lights before leaving

Just for your information, during the winter months in the evenings, due to window reflections it is often possible to view not only what is going on outside of the courts, but also what's going on inside the clubhouse...

## This and That..

### TennisBC League Play

Congratulations to NWTC Womens League Div 5. They placed first in their league and will move up to Division 4 next year.



### Div 5 Night Ladies League Winners

This year, for the first time in several years, the club hosted the New Westminster Secondary School team. This was a very fulfilling endeavour and it allowed us to give the club back to the community.



We also set up junior mini camps which saw many participants from the community and were very profitable for the club. Thanks to Tennis Coaches, Shelley Roxburgh and Jack Pei for their hard work and effort in organizing and coaching all the junior camps and clinics. The newly introduced adult clinics were also very well attended.

On the international team tennis scene, at the Billie Jean Cup half-time show, our very own Madeleine Nolan, along with her partner, played and won against their Netherland opponents.

### Did you know that...?

*Carlos (World of Tennis) is often at the club with a selection of tennis racquets at your disposal to try out. Consider using his services for stringing and other needs. Remember, he delivers for free!*

*Our tennis coaches, Shelley (email contact: shelleyroxy@yahoo.com) and Jack (email contact: btcburnabyopen@gmail.com) are available all year round for all types and variations of lessons.*

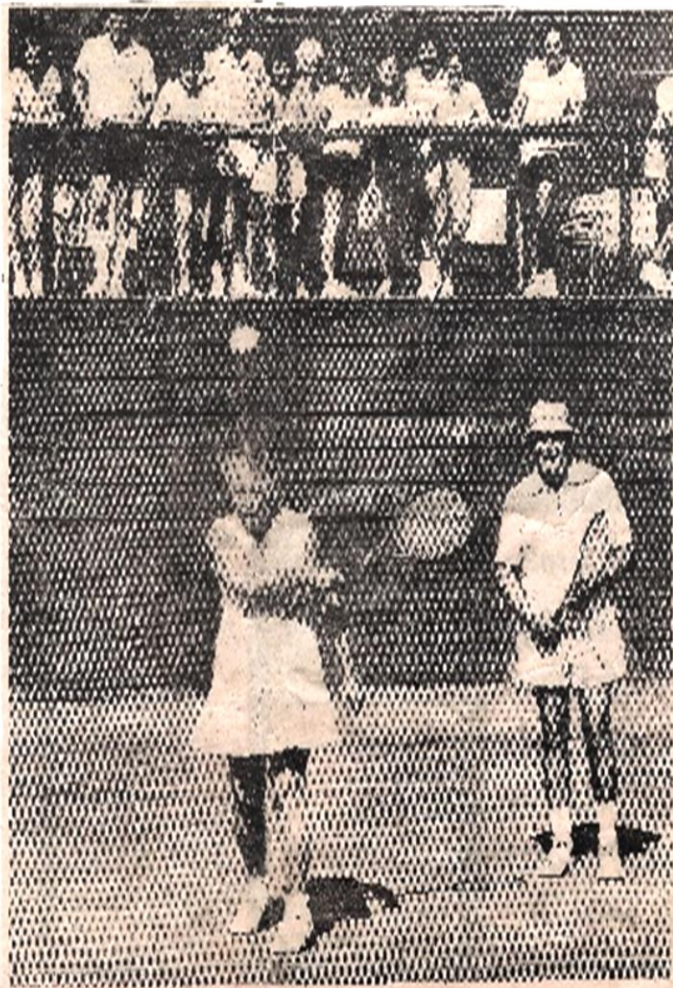
*There were many photos taken in the 2022 season as highlighted and listed above in this Passing Shots. Please take the time to view these sensational shots in the Photo Gallery tab of our website (coming soon)!*

*The NWTC logo tee shirts will be available next spring and may be on sale in time for the AGM...*

### *From one new member to the next...*



And from days gone by...



### *Tennis club holds reunion*

Edith and Alan Webster who joined the New Westminster Tennis Club in 1931 and 1937 respectively, were among old and now members turning out for the 52-year-old tennis club's big reunion day held last Saturday at the courts in Killarney Park. The reunion was held prior to construction work changing the clay courts to blacktop to extend the playing season. The Websters showed they were still in good tennis form.

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