

Greetings from your new 2023 Executive as we ready ourselves for the upcoming season of tennis at the NWTC.

For those members who were unable to attend our Annual General Meeting, held on January 29, 2023, the Directors of our Club Executive this year are as follows:

President – Wendy Sider
Vice-President – Roy Locke
Treasurer – Don Campbell
Secretary – Pierre Robinson
Membership – Carole Hickey
Building and Grounds – Terri Welch
Communications – Sam Rahane
Juniors and Coaching – Harminder Bhupal
Social – Juanita Nolan
Organized Play – Ken Davies

The transitional work in assuming these roles has kept our mostly new crop of Directors busy over the past month. Please don't mistake the lack of communication for inactivity 😊

There are several updates and reminders that need to be shared as we watch the snow melt and dust off our outdoor tennis gear.

The Membership Renewal deadline is coming up on April 1st, 2023. There will be a series of reminders that will appear in your inboxes this month. Online payment options are available to you by E-transfer and Credit Card ("CC"). However, we won't discourage you from dropping a cheque, inclusive of all pertinent information, into the Club Drop Box. Our Club does pay a small transaction fee for each payment made by CC. So, if it's convenient for you to choose a different payment option, you will be saving the Club some money.

During the cooler months, visits to our Club by members are far less frequent. Those members who do play (table) tennis 'off-season,' as weather permits, need to remember to please check that all doors and windows are closed and locked, lights are out, and the alarm has been set. We have had an issue recently with the alarm sounding during the night when a windstorm triggered a door that had been left ajar. If you experience any difficulties in setting the alarm when leaving the Club, please check the doors and windows again. Also, there is a 'soon to be updated' Emergency Contact information sheet next to the alarm keypad, together with a Club Lock-up Checklist, to assist you if the alarm is wailing and you are unsure about what to do.

An urgent priority for the new Exec in February has been to ensure that we proceed with the court resurfacing work this year. The funds for this major project were approved by our members at our AGM. Thanks to Terri Welch's leg work, our Club has contracted with Tomko Sports Services to complete the job in two stages. There will be more timing updates to come, but the work to replace a net post on each of Courts 1 and 2 is estimated to begin on March 16th. Tomko will return to us over the last week of July to complete the court resurfacing. It is anticipated that the window for this will be from July 22 – Aug

1, weather depending. Our ability to embark on the project any earlier in the year has been prevented due to booking availability.

We will be having a Clean-up Weekend at the Club on Saturday and Sunday, Mar 25-26. With our court resurfacing project as a 'go' this year, it was decided at the AGM that our Club Executive will ask members to volunteer their time to assist in power washing our courts in March. This work is usually contracted out; however, it is not practical for our Club to incur that cost ahead of our July project. Don Campbell, as our Groundskeeper, will be organizing a volunteer list for members interested in assisting with power washing, squeegeeing water, putting up the screens on the fences, and any other outside jobs that are usually handled at this annual, pre-season event. You may reach out to Don directly to offer your assistance in advance of the day, and possibly offer the use of needed equipment, at treasurer@nwtennis.com

Over this weekend, a 'scrub and shine' of the interior of our Club is also being organized. It will involve tasks such as sorting and cleaning in the kitchen, the washing of trim, railings and windows and clutter removal. If you are willing to dedicate a few hours over the weekend to assist inside the Clubhouse, please contact Terri Welch at building_grounds@nwtennis.com ahead of the weekend to commit any available time that you can offer. We are also appreciative of those members who will simply show-up to help. Many volunteers will make light work for all of us. Thank-you in advance for your time.

Our Men's and Women's League teams will start match play in early April. Currently, the men are still looking for additional players to express their interest in participating on one of our 3 Club teams. This year, our Club will have men's teams in the A2, B2, and C1 Divisions. Playing on a league team requires that members join Tennis BC and share team registration costs etc. Ken Davies, our Organized Play Director, will be fielding interest from members, and the Men's Divisional Captains will be meeting to assign players to teams, according to play level and the availability of space. Please reach out to Ken ASAP at organized_play@nwtennis.com if you are interested in a team position.

Finally, as your new Exec, we are committed to being approachable, informed, and friendly. As members, all of us are fortunate to share our Club facility, its long-held history, and the rewards of decades of volunteers who have come before us. Our goal is to work together to maximize our Club's output of tennis-related fun this season.

On behalf of our Executive, we look forward to seeing you on the deck and on the courts in 2023.

Wendy Sider
NWTC President