



# PASSING SHOTS

April 2009

As this is the first Passing Shots of the year (sorry it's late, like the Spring!), first

here are some highlights from our

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

We welcomed two new members to the Executive: **Sam Manji**, Building and Grounds Director and **Robert Gottfried** who is the new Hyack Tournament Director. **Mike Neal** and **Tiger Wu** are not returning to the Board and we thank them for their contributions.

**Mel Barber** also stood down and was recognized for his many years of service to the Club.

Staying on the Board:

**Wendy Sider**, President/Junior Program

**Alex Swezey**, Vice President

**Amelia Weatherbe**, Secretary

**Hilary Strauss**, Membership

**Chuck Condon**, Organized Play

**Bob Broughton**, Communications.

Treasurer **Don Campbell** noted that our finances are in good shape.

**The Hyack Tournament** has a new date and some other changes (details follow).

A motion was made and approved to increase our **initiation fees** to \$150.

**Club t-shirts** and perhaps later caps and visors will be offered for sale. More info later in this newsletter.

## **COURT RESURFACING**

At last our weather has allowed court resurfacing to begin. You will be receiving on-going updates by e-mail and on our website calendar about court availability. We apologize for any disruption in play but we know you will appreciate it is in a good cause!

**Under no circumstances** is anyone to play, walk or even touch the newly resurfaced courts unless they are wearing **NON-MARKING SHOES**. Please make sure your guests are aware of this rule.

## **SPRING LEAGUE**

Matches have started - good luck to our teams:

Men's A2, Capt. - Shawn Duffy

Men's B2, Capt. - Aaron Rivard

Ladies 2B, Capt. Sheila Price

Ladies 3, Capt. - Sue Wallace

## **CLEAN-UP DAY**

A big thank you to all those who helped out. There were of course many 'old-timers' but it was also great to see new members volunteering. Every nook and cranny in the kitchen\* was scrubbed, windows washed and various other cleaning jobs taken care of.

Volunteers were treated to Lee's homemade cheesecake and Joe Chiang provided a mammoth bar of chocolate!

*\*Please claim various stainless steel and other mugs and food containers from the lost property box in the upstairs washroom. They will be disposed of at the end of April together with other unclaimed clothing items.*

## **CLUB TENNIS WEAR**

We are excited about offering for sale to our members ladies and men's t-shirts. A small quantity will initially be purchased so that we can see how you like them and assess demand. We hope to provide caps and/or visors later.

## **CALENDAR 09**

Following are some important dates for your calendar. There'll be more in the next Passing Shots and be sure to check our website calendar regularly:

### **OPEN HOUSE MAY 9 AND 10, 12-4PM**

This later date (due to court resurfacing) will hopefully provide better weather and a great turnout. Please come and welcome prospective new members, enjoy refreshments and some good tennis.

### **JUNIOR PGRM REGISTRATION - MAY 9**

9am – members' children  
9:30am – non-members' children  
The Junior Program will run **June 29-July 24, M-F** 8:30 am until 2:00 pm. See the website calendar and notices in the club closer to the time.

### **LADIES TENNIS -TUES EVE**

**Ladies Organized Tennis will begin May 5**  
More information will sent out in late April regarding sign-up, etc. Until May we'll continue with the drop-in social tennis format.

### **ORGANIZED DOUBLES - FRI AM**

Commences **Friday, May 1** and continues each Friday until August 28. The exception will be the month of July when play will be on Saturdays due to the Junior Tennis Program. The courts will be reserved for play from 0800 hours to 1300 hours. New participants are to contact Frank Benoit though email at: [fjbenoit@shaw.ca](mailto:fjbenoit@shaw.ca). Participation in the program has been excellent and the level of play has increased making the three sets longer to play.

### **HYACK (OPEN) TOURNAMENT July 25 – August 3**

We think the new dates will be better for everyone - right in the middle of the tennis season with greater likelihood of good weather, not so close to our club tournament and the format will be 'Open' again.

## **BALL MACHINE**

Please only use the special *pressure-less balls* and never use the ball machine when the courts are wet.

## **SHOE TAGS**

2009 shoe tags are available from any member of the Executive.

## **A FEW REMINDERS:**

**COURT LIGHTS** – please conserve energy by turning off unnecessary lights, particularly in the late evening when there are empty courts and more players are unlikely.

**SIGN-IN BOOK** – it is mandatory to sign in when you come to the Club and before you go on the courts. **PLEASE SIGN LEGIBLY.** We use the book for several purposes, including: monitoring usage of courts and clubhouse, security and noting guest entries. A scribble that we cannot read doesn't help us. Thank you for your cooperation.

**CLUB HOUSE HEATING** – since mother nature seems reluctant to let winter go, if you turn the heating up in the clubhouse, please remember to turn it down when you leave.

And.... just some clarification in the name of courtesy and good sense. **Ladies Night** is for ladies; however, if there is an empty court after about 8:30pm, **guys** you are welcome to use it. We ask only that you relinquish the court immediately should there be ladies waiting. An empty court on Men's Night is doubtful otherwise we are sure that the same courtesy would apply!

That's all for now. Have a great tennis season. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome and if you would like to volunteer in any capacity please let us know. We will need new blood on the Executive next year - how about letting your name stand?