



PASSING SHOTS

Christmas 2009

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.....

2009 has been a very busy and fun year for the New West Tennis Club. In addition to our regular activities and tournaments, this year we had our courts re-surfaced and we introduced club t-shirts, visors and caps.

Some of us also tried Salsa dancing for the first time, thanks to instructors

Fabio and Olga who also organized a great Salsa Cruise. Thanks also to **Jeff Cathcart** who ran our club tournament and congratulations to the champions and to everyone who joined in and had fun. Kudos to **Olga Lopez** and **Vladan Kosoric** who won **Most Improved Player awards** and to **Don Campbell** the **Aleike Stubbs** recipient. Sadly we lost the **Webster Cup** but we'll get it back next year! We welcomed 30 new members to the club in 2009, giving us a total membership of 261.

Over 40 people attended our **annual Christmas Party** on Friday Dec 4th. Our appreciation to **Lee** and helpers for organizing the event. There was plenty of delicious food and libation (thanks to everyone) an exchange of gifts and then a fabulous hour of music from the New Westminster Tennis Club band and guests. Our thanks and appreciation to our talented members - **Bob Broughton, Jeff Cathcart, Salve Didcott, Scott and Lupina MacDonald, Lee Stevens** and to **Steve Hilliam** for his special guest appearance. And, just so you know, Steve is a sideman for Colin James on January 13 at the Orpheum!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

The date is SUNDAY JANUARY 17 at 11am. Please mark your calendars. The agenda will be out soon. Major topics will include the **2010 Budget, Hyack Tournament** and, of course, the **Election of Directors**. At least two long-standing members of the Executive will not be running for election in 2010 – **Alex Swezey** who has given us his thoughtful advice and legal expertise as Vice President for the last few years and **Chuck Condon**,

for several years our hardworking Treasurer and most recently Organized Play Director.

We may sound like a broken record but we do need new people to step up and help on the Executive. Would you consider it? Contact President Wendy Sider or any member of the current Executive if you are interested or have questions.

Hyack Tournament 2010 – Hyack has long been a significant event in our tennis season and it's a demanding tournament to run. We thank **Robert Gottfried** for taking on the challenge this year and for his hard work. At our last meeting your Executive voted not to hold a 'Summer Series' tournament in 2010. Alternative options will be open for discussion.

In closing, there are two people who are very instrumental to the success of our club. **Robert Sauve**, who always goes the extra mile to look after our club grounds (we love those hanging baskets Robert) and **Lee Stevens** who takes such good care of the club house and feeds us so well!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, have a wonderful time over the holidays and we wish you a peaceful, happy and healthy New Year. See you on January 17!



