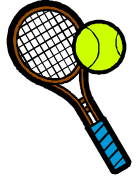




PASSING SHOTS



September 2011

It is hard to comprehend that we are almost at the end of another tennis season at NWTC. Our summer was late but we packed a lot into those perfect

weeks of August sunshine. Congratulations to the winners of the **Club Tournament** (their names are listed on our website) and kudos to all who entered and had fun. We would also like to thank our sponsors, **Chandler Associates Architecture Inc., Columbia Integrated Health Centre** and **Rivers Reach**. Their full particulars are on the back page.

This year we presented **SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS**: In the Men's category **Darshan Bhupal** and **Vergel Valencia** got the top votes with **Darshan** the winner for his exemplary conduct throughout the tournament, especially during his match with **Ed Gladstone** - here were two members, one aged 14 and the other 98 who both played like true gentlemen. Votes also went to Ed, Brien Roy, Sinisa Rudan, and Sergiy Yatlo.

Among the ladies, **Rose Pennington** was the winner - said the judges: "her competitive nature was surpassed only by her poise and gracious courtesy both on and off the court" Also receiving votes were Marilyn Aldworth, Colleen Hawes, Hilary Strauss, Amelia Weatherbe and Terri Welch,

OUR TOURNAMENT takes place because of our dedicated volunteer directors and assistants. A big thank you to **Don Campbell** and **Jeff Cathcart** for the great work they have done over the last few years. They did an amazing job as usual this year with help from other members including **Rick Keffer**, **Rich Kedrowski** and **Colleen Hawes**.

This is Don and Jeff's last year and they are sincerely hoping that someone will step up to the plate so that the NWTC tournament does not suffer the same fate as the Hyack tournament. Yes, that cancellation was due to lack of interest from volunteers.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The New West Tennis Club is a volunteer based club which is why it is able to charge such a low annual fee. It is this idea of members working together that has enhanced the club's social atmosphere to the extent that it feels like a second home to so many of its members. Unfortunately over the last few years we have been enjoying the benefits of work done by past volunteers without really taking note of the growing sense of entitlement where members are contributing less and yet expecting more.

There are many examples of those who have stepped up to the plate without waiting in the hope that someone else will relieve them of that sense of obligation. Those people are the ones who:

- helped build the clubhouse;
- served tirelessly on the Executive for years out of a sense of duty to maintain the building, grounds and general well-being of the club because, for yet another year, no one was willing to step into that particular role during the AGM;
- attempted to form or maintain a particular committee because they knew it was a positive contribution to the growth of the club.

It is imperative that newer members and our more seasoned members, who for various reasons have not yet volunteered their services, bear in mind that the club's existence is contingent on members making a positive commitment to volunteer wherever they can. Making a recommendation to a member on the Executive, enjoying the social aspect of the club by bringing a bottle of wine, playing armchair quarterback to actions and decisions made by those who are doing something – these are not acts of volunteerism.

There are, of course, many examples of members who have contributed to the well-being of the club - this year those include: **Misha Djordjevic** a handyman by trade, who spent a few hours fixing the sliding door with help from **Lee Stevens** and **Harminder Bhupal**. After engineer, **Vaso Lepasovic**, gave his time to discuss alternatives, **Misha** also spent a several hours strengthening the balcony barrier with the appropriate supports. We also appreciate **Mike Major** bringing his camera to capture moments at the club that we enjoy reviewing online. And then there are the many same familiar faces that we see bustling around the kitchen during our club events.

There will potentially be three or more vacant positions on the Executive in 2012. There will also be a new opportunity for members to commit to and join a volunteer social committee for the year. As usual volunteers will be needed for clean-up day and again the hope is that we see new faces instead of the burden falling to the same core group of 10-30 volunteers. With over 240 members it is only fair that members recognize that there are plenty of opportunities for them to contribute and in doing so let those who have done their share enjoy the benefits of their work.

Pierre Robinson

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS - in addition to our own tournament, our members had great successes this summer on other courts. These include the **Men's C1 team** who were champions of Tennis BC's first annual Miele Provincial Tournament; **Marilyn Aldworth** and **Chris Morrey-Jones** who won **Gold** in the BC Senior Games.

We also thank **Marilyn Aldworth** and **Frank Benoit** for once again finding the time to coordinate our popular **Organized** play on Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings.

We would love to hear from you if you know of a member who may not have received the recognition they deserve for contributions they have made or achievements on or off the court.

AROUND THE CLUB - Court

Lights - we regret that the lights on courts 2 and 3 will not be replaced until March 2012 due to the prohibitive cost of replacing one bulb at a time. And about the **Lost and Found Box** - it is quite full of clothing, If the items are not claimed by **October 15**, Lee will take them to the Sally Ann.

And now for our '**did you know that....?**' section:



Tennis Canada – Rule No. 26
Hindrance

If a player is hindered in playing the point by a deliberate act of the opponent(s), the player shall win the point.

Case in point - did you watch the US Open Ladies Singles Final? In the second set Serena Williams hit a winner but she shouted out while Sam Stosur was making an unsuccessful attempt to return the shot. Serena lost the point. We're a small club, not the US Open, but perhaps it could be a little lesson to all of us to try to curb our excitement till the point is over!

That's it for now except for a final word from the President:

Please, to whatever extent you are able to commit to an opportunity, make the decision to be a part of the respectful collaborative environment needed to make NWTC more than a set of public courts held by a group of members. Contact any member of the Executive if you would like more information about a particular position or about working on a committee.

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Columbia Integrated Health Centre would like to thank the many participants of the New Westminster Tennis Club for their very generous donations collected over the duration of the tennis tournament. In lieu of gratuities or payment for services, we decided to collect donations on behalf of the Salvation Army that will help support them in their many community initiatives. I'm proud to announce that we collected over \$220 thanks in part to all of you, some of whom donated more than once. It was a privilege to have been health providers for you all and we hope that we can be back again next year for this event or any other event that you may have. We are also happy to have been sponsors for the event and as a final gesture of good will, we would like to extend to all members of the tennis club a special rate.

"Officially, any registered member of the New Westminster Tennis Club will be given a special rate of 10% off all health related services at Columbia Integrated Health Centre. We know that many of you have aches and pains that may prevent you from playing the sport that you love most. Perhaps this will give you the opportunity to get the needed treatment to keep you on the courts."

Dr. John Dang, Clinic Director
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