



PASSING SHOTS

Heralding 2012 Tennis Season



Dear Members -
Maybe you've noticed that our website has a different look. In case you haven't yet checked it out (and were unable to attend the AGM) you might not know that this year

we have a new **Webmaster – Sinisa Rudan**. We welcome him and several other new members on the Executive: **Vaso Leposavic, Vice President; Tiger Wu, Treasurer; Denise Wong, Membership; Rada Rajkovic, Building and Grounds** and **Chris Hilliam, Junior Program**.

We are very lucky that **Don Campbell** has agreed to be **President** this year, having served on the Board for many years. Thank you to **Amelia Weatherbe** and **Jeff Cathcart** who are continuing as **Secretary** and **Organized Play Director**, respectively.

At risk of this sounding like the 'Oscars', it would be remiss not to recognize at this time **Pierre Robinson, Wendy Sider and Bob Broughton**, who are leaving the Board after several years and all of whom have served as President as well as in various other roles, we thank them for working so hard and giving up so much of their time for the Club. Also standing down are **Rick Keffer, Fabio Prado, Mike Neal and Marco Majkic**. We thank them also for their significant contributions on the Board last year.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AGM

Major projects were undertaken in 2011 – **the roof was replaced and we installed a new dishwasher and hot water tank**. Included in the budget and *upcoming* in 2012 – the Exec. will organize **repair of the deck**, revisit the question of a **bike rack**, review the length of time the **webcam** is in operation (news coming soon) and look at replacing the **court windscreens** and **practice wall**.

Also very importantly, **recruitment of junior members** at our club will be encouraged by investigating a paid position to supervise designated play time during week days.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Please put these dates on your calendar.

CLEAN-UP DAYS - March 24 – 25, 2012 11am - 4pm. Your help in getting the club house ready for the new season will be greatly appreciated.

OPEN HOUSE - Sat April 14, Sun April 15 12 Noon - 4pm. NEW MEMBERS DAY - Sat May 26. Stayed tuned for more information.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

If you have a practical suggestion we would really like to hear from you. We now have a suggestion box next to the sign-in book where you may provide input to the executive.

CLUB HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Anyone who has visited the club house since December cannot fail to have noticed the changes. Firstly a big thank you to **Rada** who conceived and spearheaded the renovations. Except for the brand new countertops in the kitchen, all the painting, cleaning and other work was done by club volunteers and Rada wishes them all to be recognized for their help and enthusiasm (if we have missed anyone our sincere apologies).

It should be noted that this was quite a family affair! Rada was assisted by **Sinisa** and also sons, **Stjepan and Luka**. Also lending a hand: **Pierre Robinson, Natalia & Vaso Leposavic, Wendy & Rob Sider, Irene and Jeff Cathcart, Yano Fajth, Olga and Fabio Prado, Terri Welch, Sinisa Mihaldzic and son Matija, Hilary Strauss, Jorge Mendoza, Steve Hilliam, Mark Teshima, Mike Major, Marilyn Aldworth and Marat Nasybulin**. Also there were several other members who would have given their support but conflicting schedules prevented them from doing so.

IMPORTANT ALARM PROCEDURE

It is very important to avoid setting off false alarms at our club. Neighbours have complained to City Hall and since we are tenants of the City they have mandated that we address the issue.

Therefore, if you are either the *first* person entering the club house or the *last* to leave, please ensure you do the following:

To De-activate:

If you are the first person to enter the club house, de-activate the alarm immediately *by entering the code number on the keypad*.

To Activate:

The last person to leave the clubhouse *must* activate the alarm. Before doing this, ensure all doors and windows are locked, the lights turned off, and the heat turned down. There should be only a green light showing on the keypad. If there are red lights, there is most likely a door or window not closed or locked. A light on the panel will show the location. Once this is taken care of *enter the code no. on the keypad*. You have approximately 20 seconds to leave the clubhouse and shut the door behind you.

If anyone is still not clear on operating the alarm, please ask a member of the executive to go over the procedure with you.

ORGANIZED PLAY

Tuesday Ladies Night Organized Play will begin **April 10** and **Friday am Organized Mixed Play - May 4**. If you are a new member or not yet on the email sign-up list and would like more info., contact **Marilyn Aldworth** mj@griffledon.ca, 604-521-5753 for Ladies Night and **Frank Benoit** fibenoit@shaw.ca. 604-524-4318 for Friday mornings.

ACCESS CARDS

We think you will agree that our new access cards have been a great success. From time to time, however, we hear the lament, "My card doesn't work". One of the reasons may be a question of storage. Please make sure you keep them out of direct sunlight.



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

Change of Ends - I think we all know that: "*The players shall change ends at the end of the first, third and every subsequent odd game of each set*" but, do we always remember:

*"The players shall also change ends at the end of each set the total number of games in that set is **even**, in which case the players change ends **at the end of the first game of the next set**".*

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MEMBERS DONATE.....

To add to our stylish new kitchen renovations, we now have a brand new cappuccino maker, courtesy of **Fabio and Olga Prado** and ladies, you may want to check out the fine basket of cosmetics in the ladies washroom - donated by **Terri Welch**. Thanks to them all.

DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please remember that your membership fees must be paid by **APRIL 1**. If you have not received your invoice either by email or by snail mail, please contact Denise at membership@nwtennis.com Once you are paid up you will be able to collect your 2012 shoe tag from any member of the Executive.

We look forward to seeing you on the tennis courts soon for a fabulous 2012 season.