



## ***Mark Your Calendar***

- ❖ **Saturday, May 29**    **OTA Day at the Merchant of Tennis**
- ❖ **Friday, June 25**    **Junior Carnival**
- ❖ **Sunday, July 4**    **Wimbledon Morning**
- ❖ **Saturday, July 10**    **The Charity Ball**
- ❖ **September, 11**    **Club Championships Begin**
- ❖ **September, 24-26**    **Junior Tournament**

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## **President's Message**

It seems spring has come early this year. With the warm weather comes "Tennis Season".

Thanks so much to Bill Foster our House and Courts Director who had the nets up for the balmy Easter weekend. Thanks also to the crew of volunteers who came out on April 11<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> to get the windscreens up.

Members new and old enjoyed the Open House on April 12th. Dick Harrald, our Adult Player director was busy all evening signing people up for the various events planned for the season.

Tickets for the year-end social dinner/dance went on sale at the Open House. So far 55 tickets have been sold. Have you bought yours yet? Contact Susan Rutherford soon (*see page 7*) to avoid disappointment.

Thanks to Susan Rutherford, who always does such a great job at all our socials, for organizing our Open House and thanks to all who volunteered to set up and clean up. It was such a great evening.

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## Junior News

### Junior Spring Clinics

The Junior Spring Clinics are well underway at this point and we have been having great weather for them! Most of the sessions are full; however, there are still some spots available for younger beginners between ages 5 and 8.

### Junior Open House

The Junior Open House was held on April 15 and we were again blessed with fabulous weather! That brought out record numbers of kids, who enjoyed all of the on-court activities arranged by Chris and George, with their able assistants, Scott Maier and Thomas Lawlor. I think it's fair to say that the juniors also enjoyed the food and the prizes. For the prizes, we are once again extremely grateful for the support that we have received from the Merchant of Tennis, the Ontario Tennis Association and the Toronto Tennis Academy.

### Junior Team

The junior teams have been chosen and the junior practices are being held every Friday from 4-6pm. Matches will be starting on Saturdays in early May. We will keep you posted with results!

### Junior Carnival

Don't forget about this year's Junior Carnival, scheduled for Friday, June 25. There will be lots of on court challenges for the juniors, with some great prizes at stake! And, the kids (and their parents who are there) will be treated to a barbeque.

### Junior Fall Tournament

Also, remember to sign up for the Junior Fall Tournament, scheduled for the weekend of September 24 to September 26 (Friday evening through Sunday). There will be events for U18, U16, U14, U12 and U10 girls and boys. In the past couple of years there have been lots of boys in the U12-U18 events, but not many younger boys and hardly any girls. This year, for the younger kids, we will probably hold a round robin event, so that everyone gets at least two matches each. Girls, please come on out—the event is a lot of fun and there are prizes to be won!

*Diana Woodhead, Junior Player Development Director*

## Wimbledon Morning

Join us at the Club-house in the morning of July 4<sup>th</sup>. Play some tennis, then watch the Finals on our large TV and enjoy some Strawberries and Cream along with great company.

*There will be a \$2.00 charge for the refreshments.*

## OTA Member Appreciation Day

OTA Members' Appreciation Day

**The Merchant of Tennis**  
Saturday, May 29, 2010

Two Great Store Locations!

TORONTO 1621 Bayview Avenue

OAKVILLE Olde Oakville Market Place, 361 Cornwall Rd.



Bring your shoe tag to The Merchant of Tennis on May 29<sup>th</sup> and receive a small gift bag (while quantities last) and exclusive in-store discounts.



## Treasurer Needed

We are currently seeking a Treasurer to start IMMEDIATELY. The incumbent is temporary until a new Treasurer can be found. Duties include monthly meetings, book-keeping, financial statements, banking, HST reports etc.

If you have the skills to help, email Rita Lee: [weinerlee@sympatico.ca](mailto:weinerlee@sympatico.ca)

All Board Members (including the Treasurer) receive free Club Membership.

## HOUSE LEAGUE REGISTRATION – Summer 2010

Director: Roman Kucharczyk, 19 Killdeer Crescent, Toronto ON M4G 2W7,

### NO REGISTRATIONS BY PHONE or EMAIL

The tentative start date for the Summer 2010 House League will be Wednesday, July 14 and continue until the end of September. Only ADULT (18+) members may sign up.

We would like to stress the point that, once on a team, you have made a commitment to play on the prescribed date and time, unless you find a substitute from the provided substitute list and inform your captain about the change.

It is very important that you correctly evaluate your level of play. See the self-rating guide in the Spring newsletter or at [www.leasidetennis.org](http://www.leasidetennis.org) for self assessment.

Complete the form below (print please) and leave it in the club house with the court supervisor. If you have an email address, please include it below for future contacts with your captain. Forms are also available in the club house and on the website.

**Closing date: June 14, 2010 (firm)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Female       Male       Regular       Spare

Volunteer as team captain  yes  no

Skill level:       2.5       3.0       3.5       4.0 and higher

(See self-rating guide in the Spring newsletter, or [www.leasidetennis.org](http://www.leasidetennis.org))

### CATCHING THE BALL - A NO-NO



Never catch the ball before it bounces, no matter how far out the ball was headed. If you do, you automatically lose the point.

The same applies if you are hit by a ball, be it a serve or in a rally - you lose the point, no matter where you are standing, and no matter where the ball was heading.

The ONLY exception is if a "let" serve hits an opponent before bouncing - then a "let" is played.

## President's Message Continued

On April 15<sup>th</sup> about 60 juniors enjoyed a fun filled evening of clinics, round robin and pizza. Thanks go to Diana Woodhead, our Junior Director for organizing such a great event.

Thanks also to Roman Kucharczyk, our House League Director who does a fantastic job organizing the ever-popular House League clinics and teams. The House League clinics ran April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Our pros Chris and George were kept busy with the large groups who participated.

Team tryouts and practices have begun. Gill Kerns and her team of TTA pros organized several indoor tryouts. Now that the weather has warmed up, the practices have been moved outdoors.

Community clubs rely solely on its volunteers. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful facility to enjoy this

great sport. This is due to the dedication of those who volunteer. We at the Leaside Tennis Club, are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of Board Members. They give their time freely to make sure that every aspect of the club runs smoothly. We are always looking for help; if you have some time to give back, please contact any one of the Board Members.

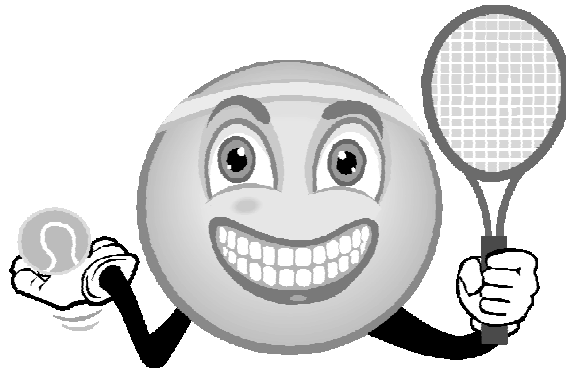
And finally, it is with the deepest sadness that I inform you of the passing of our past president, John Hunt, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Although I only knew John for about 4 years, it was very clear what a kind and gentle soul he was. He and I became friends instantly, and we shared the same passion for tennis and community tennis. John, was not only one of the four founders of the club, but also did so much on a continuing basis. He will be greatly missed.

*Rita Lee, President*

## The Charity Ball! A Round Robin with a TWIST! Saturday, July 10, 9am-Noon

**Support the Odette Cancer Centre.**  
(In memory of John Hunt)

*HANDICAPPED ROUND ROBIN  
PLAY AGAINST THE PRO  
GUESS YOUR SERVE SPEED  
TARGET TENNIS  
BBQ, FUN GALORE, PRIZES, PRIZES*



### Donations:

**Participants:** \$10.00 (minimum), each participant.

**Non-Participants:** Drop in with your donation and give to one of the court supervisors.

**Sign-Up:** at the Club House, with your NTS ranking level. [See the Self-Rating Guide, [www.leasidetennis.org](http://www.leasidetennis.org) or p.7 of the Spring newsletter.]

*Sign up early, Space is limited.*

## Chris's Coaching

One expression I like to use when teaching is that a tactical solution can solve a technical problem.

All too often in tennis, players practice hitting the ball from a stationary position time and time again, only to find out that tennis is a moving game and that the ball does not bounce in the same place every time.

In a recent clinic while playing points off a difficult feed, the players were constantly hitting the balls into the net. The words, get low, shorten your backswing, were coming to mind. However, ball after ball still went into the net. In a brief moment of uncertainty I decided to change the scoring system. Every time the ball went into the net the players lost 2 points instead of 1. One half hour went by and very few balls went into the net.

By changing the rules the players made the necessary adjustments without a lot of talk. So while out on the court see if you can change your rules to play a better game.

*Chris Little, Head Professional*



## Welcome New Members

Carolyn Armstrong	Nikki Davidson	Vidas Kartavicius	Terry Ritchie
Stephen Armstrong	Rick Davidson	John Kerrigan	Julia Schindeler
Peter Bannon	Borga Dorter	Linda Kerrigan	Hamid Soldin
Steven van Binsbergen	Daryn Everett	Kem Kho	Debbie Strah
Andrew Brady	Elizabeth Everett	Samantha Koscec	David Thomson
Michel Bregere	Andrew Fenton	Lorrie Lavis	Joanne Thomson
Bev Brewer	Karen Gagnon	Robin Lyle	Marie Tralka
Dinah Brook	Lilli Gotschall	Nancy-Lee Martin	Jan Walters
Sandy Browne	Colin Henry	Don Noble	Peter Westcott
Kristine Burns	Kent Hollister	Allan Parkin	Gina Wilson
Vanya Cecen	Melyssa Hollister	Xenia Proestes	Shawn Wilson
Michael Chow	Stewart Istvan	Mike Rapson	Kimberly Wright
			Baoyun Wu

## Club Championships

MIXED DOUBLES  
LADIES DOUBLES  
MENS DOUBLES  
MENS SINGLES  
LADIES SINGLES



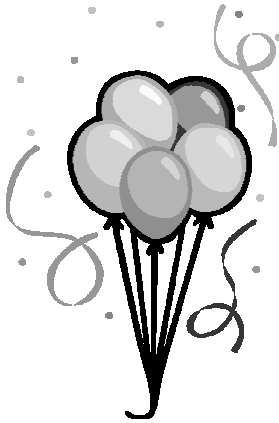
First round matches will start September 11<sup>th</sup>, Super Saturday.

***Sign-up and be a Champion!***

### LTC Calendar 2010

### JUNE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
	1 7-10am Clinics[2] 9-11am RR[4] 4-6pm Jnr Clinics [4] 7:00pm MATCH [*]	2 7-10am Clinics[2] 10:00am MATCH [3] 4-6pm Jnr Clinics [4] 7-11pm HL [6]	3 7-10am Clinics[2] 9-11am RR[4] 4-6pm Jnr Clinics [4] 7:00pm MATCH [*]	4 4-6pm Jnr TP [4]	5 2-4pm Adult Clinics [2] 4-6pm Adult Drills [2] 7-10pm RR [4]	6 11-1pm TP [3] 1:30-3:30pm RR[4]	
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## 2010 Year End Party Tickets

**When:** Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 7pm to midnight

**Where:** Leaside Gardens

**Tickets:** \$25 each, Adults only  
One guest per club member

**Don't miss out - get your tickets early.**

**How:** Email: tickets@leasidetennis.org

**Tel:** Susan at 416-423-9764

**Or at:** The Lucky Draw Tournament, May 22nd, 9-Noon.

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## JULY

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			1 <b>CANADA DAY</b>	2 1-4pm Camp[4] 4-6pm Jnr TP [4]	3 7-10pm RR [4]	4 <b>WIMBLEDON MORNING</b> 11-1pm TP [3] 7-9pm RR [4]
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## The Leaside Dynamic Calendar

Scheduling is like a game of tennis, it is dynamic and changes have to be made as circumstances change, (rain-outs etc.). Please check the Calendar at the Club-house as this will reflect the latest information available.

## Next Newsletter

The Fall issue will be the third and final newsletter for 2010. All members should receive their copy in the mail by August 25<sup>th</sup>.

## LTC Calendar 2010

## AUGUST

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						1 11-1pm TP [3] 7-9pm RR [4]
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