



Leaside Tennis Club

NEWSLETTER: FALL 2011

Mark Your Calendar

- ❖ **September 9** **Junior Carnival**
- ❖ **September 10** **Club Championship Start**
- ❖ **September 23-25** **Junior Tournament**
- ❖ **October 13** **LTC Annual General Meeting**
In the Club-house at 7:30pm. All adult members are welcome. Pizza, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be served from 7:00pm.

Our Mailing Address has changed Again!!

Due to another closure of our mailbox location, we have had to change again. Please note our new address.

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President's Message

With the spring rains finally stopping, summer is in full swing. By now the ladies teams have finished their season and Inter-county is near the end of the 14 week season.

Thanks to all those who participated in the Lucky Draw tournament. Everyone enjoyed the tennis and BBQ. (*Lucky Draw winners, page 8.*)

Thanks also to Kelli, from Head Penn who provided demo racquets for all participates to try. She had a serve radar with her but no one was brave enough to try it, perhaps next time?

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Teams

Leaside's teams are on fire! We have some wonderful new captains as well as some great experienced captains at the helm of an energetic and enthusiastic group of tennis players.

In the Toronto Ladies Tennis League Evening Division, Erica Gilbert, passed the torch to Susan Bellingham who has taken up the challenge and corralled the Division 4 Team members to unite against their foes. They finished the season in 6th place.

Sheila Hunt has been the stalwart leader of the Evening Division 2 team for many years, and with good reason. Her team finished in 4th place, very close to the top teams and in a very competitive division. Thanks also to Penny Robinson for taking the helm while Sheila took a much deserved holiday.

Kristi Duncanson once again captained the lean and mean Daytime A team to a third place finish. We faced some daunting opponents but stood our ground, and reminded ourselves that when other clubs bring out their pros and their top juniors to play us, we should take it as a compliment!

Joan Nutt was the long serving captain of the Daytime C team. With some true dedication being shown by her members, she managed to steer the team to a very respectable 6th place finish.

In the Inter County League we have a new captain wrangling a large and unruly group of players on the Mixed B Team. Milos Markovic is up to the challenge, and the time of writing this team was sitting in third place. His able assistant Rita Lee must also be recognized for her gently applied powers of persuasion at critical times when compiling the line-up.

Karen Martin is the organized and able captain of the Mixed C Team for the umpteenth year and her cohesive and loyal team is currently in 5th place.

Thanks also to our trusty coaches for giving us the tools to do battle. Leaside has a rich history of competitive tennis and the people leading our current teams are upholding this tradition well.

Gill Kern, Teams Director



Club Championships

Club Tournament for Adult members, will be held starting the weekend of September the 10th 2011. The sheets for entering the tournament will be in the clubhouse the week of August 15th so please make sure your name is there if you wish to enter. The draw for the club tournament will be made the week before the tournament start date and posted in the clubhouse by Tuesday Sept. 6th. Hopefully we will be able to run a seniors draw if there is enough interest. We will try and accommodate all those that enter (times & dates etc).

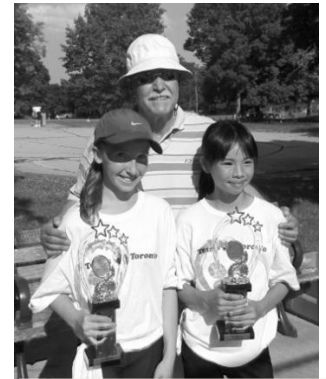
Sheila Hunt, Tournament Director

Junior News - Our Juniors are hot hot hot!

Each Friday, until the end of June, our courts were sizzling hot with the Junior after-school practices. This resulted in some totally awesome Saturday matches. The level of play was really impressive - we could start charging tickets to spectators!

Our Junior Inter-county team has held a strong position all season long as one of the top 3 teams in its division. Our Toronto Junior Doubles team has taken Toronto by storm. In a tournament held June 18, the heat was on but our juniors met the challenge with fantastic skill and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Avelyn Wong and Kirsten Saarna who battled their way to the top of the U12 division and became the Main draw winners. Kudos to Liam and Thomas Lawlor for an outstanding performance in the U18 1st flight, finishing up as consolation winners. Hats off to Max Brodie and Ross Ramsey for working their way through tough competition to become finalists, second place. Cheers to all the junior players who participated in the tournament and in the weekly matches throughout the year!

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to George Cenic and assistant Sean Kern who continues to develop and motivate our juniors using the most advanced techniques in instruction served up with plenty of fun, positive energy.



George Cenic with the Junior Doubles 2011 Tournament winners,

Junior Carnival coming up

Rain, rain go away - come again some other day. That was our mantra - but it couldn't be heard over the pounding rain! The Junior Carnival which had been scheduled for Friday June 24 had to be cancelled due to bad weather. But we are totally optimistic that the weather will be more in our favour when we reschedule. We're looking at September 9th as a makeup date, so mark your calendars juniors! We're going to be firing up the bbq, grilling some burgers, running some games and contests, and who knows you could win some fabulous prizes generously donated by Merchant of Tennis, valuable gift certificates donated by Hollywood Gelato on Bayview, or some cool tennis gear from our club's super supporter, Gus Morhart.

Watch our website for more details.

Sign up for the Junior Tournament

Time to get your game face on. The Junior Tournament is scheduled for September 23-25, 2011. Look for the signup sheets the first week of September in the clubhouse. We're planning events for both girls and guys to play singles in the U18, U16, U14 and U12 categories. Come on out and enjoy the fun, the games, and the prizes! The more the merrier.

Fall Junior Clinics

School will be back into high gear after Labour Day, and so will the club. Plan to take part in our after-school fall clinics starting the first week of September. Each clinic consists of six 1 hour sessions. You can choose either Monday and Wednesday sessions, or Tuesday and Thursday sessions. Registration is on a first come first served basis so don't delay - space is limited. But instead of mailing your cheques and registration forms as we do in the Spring, fall registration is handled a little differently - please hand deliver your forms and cheques to Chris Little, our head pro, at the clubhouse. Registration forms may be downloaded from our website after August 20, 2011.

Nadine Budd, Director of Junior Development



Leaside Tennis Club Annual General Meeting

All Adult Members are invited to attend.

This is an opportunity for the members to be given information about the Club's accounts and to ask any questions regarding past decisions the Club has taken and will be taking in the future.

When: Thursday October 13, 2011

Where: Trace Manes Community Centre

Time: 7:00pm Refreshments, Pizza and Pop

7:30pm Approval of Minutes and Business Arising

President's Report and Discussion

Treasurer's Report and Discussion

Directors' Reports

Jason Mahr	Treasurer
Bill Foster	House and Courts
Joyce Macmillan	Membership
Roman Kucharczyk	House League
Gillian Kern	Teams
Sheila Hunt	Tournaments
Nadine Budd	Junior Player Development
Dick Harrald	Adult Player Development
Jen Palacios	Social
Joan Edwards	Publicity

Election of New Directors

Other Business

Note:

The Club is organized and operated by a Board of Directors elected from its Adult members. The Board is comprised of twelve Directors elected for a two-year term. Five or six are elected annually, so that the Board always retains past experience in operation and administration. The 2011 positions for election/re-election are Membership, House League, Teams, Adult Player Development and Treasurer. Current Board members whose position is up for election may stand for re-election for the same position or any other position that is vacant, as may any other adult club member.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Rita Lee at weinerlee@sympatico.ca.

2011 End of Season Party

Couldn't defeat your opponent on the tennis court?

Then beat them on the dance floor!

Please come to the End of Season Party at 7:30pm on Saturday, October 15th at Leaside Memorial Gardens.

Tickets are \$25.00! Where else can you go for a dinner, dancing, prizes and fun for 25 bucks?!

Tickets can be purchased from Jen Palacios, 416-423-3338 or e-mail to: tickets@leasidetennis.org

The Dinner/Dance will be catered by Darryl Fraser who has lots of new and wonderful items for us to choose from!

After our amazing dinner, things will heat up with a live band and dancing. Throughout the evening there will be prizes, laughter and good times!!

Seriously - \$25 for all that fun - it's impossible... but we're doing it for you. See you there.

*Jen Palacios
Social Director*



In the Beginning Part 1

This is how tennis came to Leaside. Just over 66 years ago, in 1944, when Millwood Park, [now Trace Manes] was only a field choked with weeds and covered with rocks, a fortyish "go-getter" took his racquet out of the moth balls and taught a group of youngsters the fundamentals of the game of tennis. This man, Matt Sayliss, who was to mean so much to tennis in Leaside, along with neighbours Norm Lamport, Al Ogg and Norm Ramsey laid out two tennis courts, on the original mother earth, where our current courts 3,4,5 and 6 are.

When Matt started, the courts were made of earth with lines marked out in lime. At sunset the grounds were a meeting-place for dogs, would-be high jumpers used the nets to practice their jumps and bicycles were ridden at will on the cleared smooth surface.

The lights, which were used in the winter time for hockey, were moved to the tennis courts and a beaten-up snow-fence was erected to keep well-stroked balls from ending up a couple of blocks away.

*Edited Excerpts from Lloyd Elmer's collection
of Leaside Tennis Club Chronicles*

Chris's Coaching Corner

Myth: Protect your alley in doubles

Reality: Cover the middle

In coaching all levels of doubles players I have seen many players trying so hard to protect the alley and, when all is said and done, a very small percentage of balls are hit there. Most of the action accrues in the middle, as does most of the confusion as to whose ball it is. If your opponent sends you a few alley shots, do not worry. The down the line shot is hard enough, so place yourself in a more aggressive position closer to the middle and move wide only if the situation allows. So close the gap between you and your partner and start to see the results.



Chris Little

LTC Head Professional

President's Message Continued

Kelli also came out one evening during House League, allowing all participants to try one of the many Head racquets. Look for a sign-up sheet for the club championship in the fall. (*Club championships, page 2*).

Wimbledon morning was held on July 3rd, with "strawberries and cream" being served to the 20 or so who gathered in the clubhouse, to watch Novak Djokovic beat Rafael Nadal. Even those on the courts couldn't resist coming in to watch the match....or was it the strawberries? Thanks so much to Joyce Macmillian, Joan Edwards and Joan Nutt who organized and served all the hungry fans.

Congratulations to Avelyn Wong and Kirsten Saarna, who won the Tennis Toronto under 12 tournament. Avelyn and Kirsten beat out 11 other teams. Also congrats to the under 18 consolation winners, Liam and Thomas Lawler. Thanks Coach George, your hard work is paying off. (*Junior News page 3*).

The AGM is scheduled for October 13th, 2011 at 7pm, in the clubhouse. If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to anyone on the board. (*More information on page 4*).

Dust off your dancing shoes, the season ending social, is scheduled for October 15th, at the Leaside Memorial Gardens. The event starts at 7 pm. If you have not purchased your tickets yet, you can do so by contacting Jenn Palacios at 416 423-3338, or email to: tickets@leasidetennis.org. (*Year End Party, page 5*).

Rita Lee, President

Membership Renewal

Don't Procrastinate!!!

Note the date and do not hesitate.

Why not be early instead of late.

Do not let Canada Post determine your fate.

Membership applications will be mailed out in early January and are to be returned no later than January 27th, 2012.

- If you do not receive your 2012 Membership Application by January 15, 2012,
- If there is an error in the 2011 Club Directory under your name,
- If you have a change of address, telephone number or email address,
- If you are going to be away during January 2012,

Then send an email to: membership@leasidetennis.org

Joyce Macmillan, Membership Director

SEPTEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 9:30 -11:30am RR [4]	2 7-10pm RR [4]	3	4 1:30-3:30pm RR[4]
5 LABOUR DAY	6 9:30 -11:30am RR [4] 4-6pm Jnr Clinics[4]	7 4-6pm Jnr Clinics[4] 7-11pm HL [6]	8 9:30 -11:30am RR [4] 4-6pm Jnr Clinics[4]	9 JNR CARNIVAL 6:00-8:00pm 7-10pm RR [4]	10 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS START	11 1:30-3:30pm RR[4]
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Legend:

General

HL - House League

RR - Round Robin

TP - Team Practice

[#] number of courts allocated

* If courts are not required by the Junior Tournament

OCTOBER

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10 7:30pm Board Mtg	11 9:30 -11:30am RR [4]	12	13 9:30 -11:30am RR [4] 7pm AGM	14 7-10pm RR [4]	15 7pm YEAR END PARTY	16 CLOSING DAY
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Club-house and Courts officially closed for the Season
Legend: General <i>HL - House League TP - Team Practice</i> <i>RR - Round Robin [#] number of courts allocated</i>						

WINNERS

Spring House League



In First place, with 59 points or winning games, is Team 6 with Stan Murray as captain and Jacquie Angiers assisting. Well done Team 6!

Nibbling at their heels were Team 5 with 51 points and in Third place team 4 with 43 points

Roman Kucharczyk, House League Director.

Lucky Draw



11 pairs battled it out with Dick Harrald and Louise Uyede, being the winners. What a great pair-up. Congratulations also to the runners up, John Drummond and Mercedes Nolan. Many thanks to Paul who did the cooking and enabling the participants to enjoy a great BBQ.

Editor