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LEASIDE TENNIS CLUB - NEWSLETTER

June/July 2009

Mark Your Calendar

- ❖ **May 23, Saturday: Lucky Draw Charity Tournament**
Support the Daily Bread Food Bank.
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- ❖ **June 19, Friday: Junior Carnival**
- ❖ **July 11, Saturday: The Charity Ball**
- ❖ **August 28-30: Club Championships**
Cut-off date – Friday August 21.
Look for the sign-up sheets in June.

Presidents Message

At last the new tennis season has started, and what a start! On Saturday April 11th we had plenty of volunteers, including quite a few new members, to install the nets and the windscreens under the supervision of our House and Courts Director, Bill Foster. It was a very nice but a rather cool day, but with all the help, the task was completed very quickly and those who stayed, enjoyed the coffee and donuts provided.

Wednesday, April 15th was a beautiful day and evening for the Open House Party. It was warm and comfortable, and that provided an excellent turn out with everybody partaking in the wonderful assortment of food and beverages organized by our Social Director, Susan Rutherford, who was ably assisted by her family and other volunteers. Joyce Macmillan and Erica Gilbert, Membership Director and Secretary, were busy handing out the membership packages. Meanwhile, the Adult Player Development Director, Dick Harrald, was signing up more members for the Adult Coaching Clinics; Fred Yagi, Tournament Director, was actively engaged signing up participants for the Lucky Draw Tournament to be held on May 23rd. If you are interested, add your name to the list in the Clubhouse. Roman Kucharczk had all the Spring House League teams organized and posted, and despite the contentious arguments of some of the players, the house league started as scheduled on April 22nd. *Continued on Page 3*

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*Pick up from the Clubhouse
after July 20th.*

Junior News

Junior Open House

The Junior Open House on April 16 was a tremendous success. The weather cooperated to allow more juniors than ever before to spend lots of time on the court, where they enjoyed competing for prizes in a variety of drills and games, all organized by our former Head Pro, Jeff Durante, and Assistant Pro, George Cenic, with the able assistance of two of our Club members, Scott Maier and Galen Jones. Thanks, as always, to the Merchant of Tennis and the Toronto Tennis Academy for supporting this event with an assortment of fun prizes for the kids! In addition, thanks to Stephanie Maier, Jenn and Mark Istvan and our court supervisor, Rene, for all their help with this event.

Junior Clinics

The Junior Spring Clinics, which are always popular, filled up very fast this year (sessions for novice and intermediate players were full by mid-March), so next year, please remember to get your applications in as soon as possible. Similar junior clinics will be held again in September and October. Please check the website and the Club House for information on the fall clinics, which will be posted sometime in August.

Junior Membership

The Junior membership is now full for 2009!

Junior Carnival

The Junior Carnival will be held this year on June 19 from 6-9 pm. There will be games and fun competitions organised by the Pros for juniors of all ages, with lots of prizes to be won and likely a raffle or two. In addition, there will be a barbeque, so no one will go hungry. Mark your calendars to be sure not to miss this event!

Junior Competition

The Junior Team try-outs were well attended and Nick and George put the kids through some tough drills to whip them back into shape. The junior team has been practicing hard every Friday evening since then. Junior inter-county matches commenced in May. We will keep you up-dated on the team's progress throughout the summer.

Diana Woodhead, Junior Player Development

Adult Clinics Spring Season 2009

I would like to thank our new Tennis Pro Chris Little and his assistants Kyle and George in their efforts to provide us with excellent tennis coaching and strategy skills. It has been a rainy spring season again this year and all efforts will be made to make up the rainouts. There are a good number of early morning clinics still available so check the bulletin board and window for what is available. Fill out a registration form and I will do everything I can to accommodate you.

Private lessons are available from Chris Little to improve your tennis skills and winning form and you may contact him at (416) 414-8284

Dick Harrauld, Adult Development Director

The Charity Ball! Mixed Doubles July 11, Saturday 9am-Noon

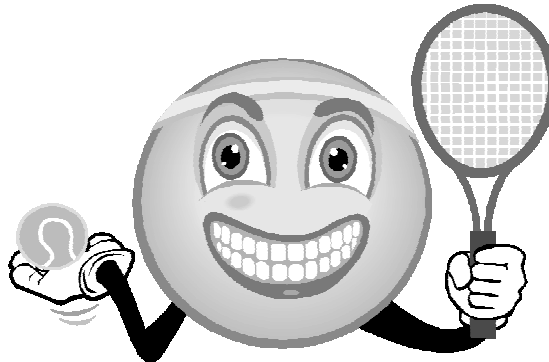
A Round Robin with a TWIST!

WIN FOR CHARITY

HANDICAPPED ROUND ROBIN

PLAY AGAINST THE PRO

GUESS YOUR SERVE SPEED



TARGET TENNIS

BBQ

FUN GALORE

PRIZES, PRIZES

Chris Little and his team will be there to organize different levels of play and activities.

Donations - The Court Supervisor, or the Tournament Director, on behalf of the Daily Bread Food Bank, will gratefully accept donations of canned goods, supplies or cheques. Monetary prizes may be donated to the charity of the winners' choice and the club will match the donation amount.

Sign Up - at the Club House with your NTS ranking level. [See the Self-Rating Guide, www.leasidetennis.org or p.6 of the Spring newsletter.] **Sign up early, Space is limited.**

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All in all the consensus was that it was a great evening get together for both new and old members alike, and a terrific start for the season ahead.

Meanwhile, the coaches were conducting the junior team tryouts every day of the week, and on April 16, Diana Woodhead, Director of Junior Player Development, together with coaches held the Junior Open House Party, which also proved to be very successful. Inter-county team and Ladies Evening team tryouts continue in spite of the cold and wind that has plagued these sessions this year. The Ladies Day League team tryouts have also suffered from the same poor weather conditions but have proceeded to practice and select team members.

All the hard work by the Board of Directors during the off-season resulted in all the scheduled tennis programs being up and running as the season commenced. We wish all of our members a productive and successful tennis year.

On the City of Toronto front, we have at last had some success with the Parks and Recreation Department. We now have permission to pave outside the northeast corner of court 3, between the access gates and the sidewalk, so that the equipment used to re-lamp or repairs to our lighting system will not mess up the court surface. In addition, we have permission to pave a 6-metre strip along the south side of the Club House building so that we can create four mini-courts for our youngest junior players.

The Board of Directors also looked into purchasing a sophisticated ball machine that can provide the best coaching conditions for all levels of competency. We have seen this ball machine demonstrated at the Rexall Centre and are very impressed. Unfortunately, sophistication costs, so please take advantage of it when it arrives.

So best wishes to all and enjoy the whole tennis season.
John Hunt, President

Chris's Coaching

When playing tennis there are four phases of point play that must be considered:

Phase One: Starting the Point

This consists of the serve and return. The purpose of this phase is to try to establish control from the first ball. We are not looking to hit an ace or return a winner, just getting the point started properly.

Phase Two: Setup

In this situation, we are looking to hit lots of balls while searching for opportunities, using pace, spin or trajectory, to establish offensive control of the point.

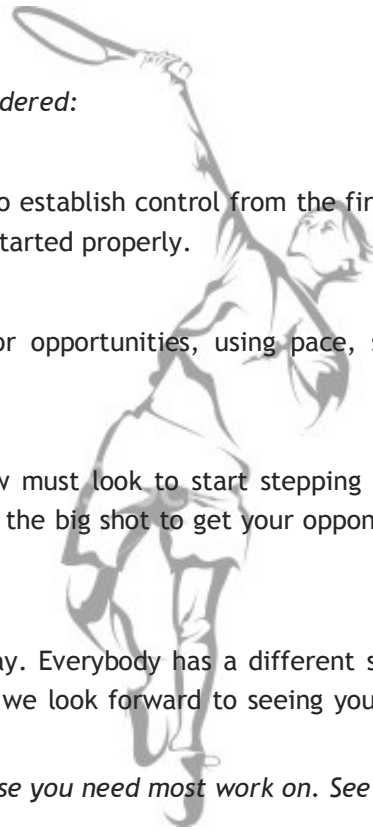
Phase Three: Opportunity Ball

In this phase, we have started to get our opponent off balance and now must look to start stepping up and continue to put the pressure on. The biggest problems occur when you hit the big shot to get your opponent off balance and are not ready to finish him/her off.

Phase Four: Finish

In this phase you want to look to finish strong based on your style of play. Everybody has a different style of playing so you must find the one that works most efficiently for you and we look forward to seeing you in the winner's circle.

When taking lessons or clinics make sure you ask your tennis pro what phase you need most work on. See you on the courts.



Chris Little, Head Professional

Welcome New Members

Brenda Bateman	Lucy Fiorilli	Jamal Madbak	Natalie Prior
Teresa & Anthony Bellomo	Katherine Garinther	Jim Madigan	Kathleen Ratchford
Nenad Bosnjak	Stephanie Gates	John & Tanya Mah	Mike Reynolds
Adrian Browne	Lee Geller	Julie Makepiece	Andrew Rogers
Gabriella Bunchek	Eric Golden	Kim Martin	Francine & Martin Seaton
David Chapman	Michael Gressman	Heather Masterson	Yang-Ting Shek
Sydney Cheang	John Guistini	Scott McBean	Kimberly Smith
Steven Chodat	Sean & Kelly Hancock	Lindsay McGeachie	Ilze Valdamis
Susan Coish	Glen and Leila Harwood	Alec McIntosh	Andrew Welsh
Sheri Cole	Jocqueline & Jack Holmes	Douglas McKenzie	Firth Whitwam
Paul & Ripley Crake	Carmen Jones	Leah Moldvaj	Shawn Wilson
Hu Danseng	Eric Kwok	Susan Monteith	Michael Woodrow
Diane Dempsey	Garry Lee	Kathy Moore	Maha Zabaneh
Tess Diponio	Nieve Lenihan	Peter Nguyen	Adrian Ziino
Elizabeth Everett	Carol Love	Kathryn & Ted Petroff	Michal Zitnik

HOUSE LEAGUE REGISTRATION SUMMER 2009

Closing date: June 12, 2009

NO REGISTRATIONS BY PHONE

The Summer 2009 House League will commence on Wednesday, July 8 and continue till sometime in September depending on the number of players and teams. 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 a list of spare players provided and inform your captain about the change.

It is necessary that you correctly evaluate your level of play. See the self-rating guide in the Spring newsletter, page 6 or the website, www.leasidetennis.org, for self-assessment.

Complete the form below (print please) and mail/hand deliver to Roman Kucharczyk, 19 Killdeer Crescent, Toronto, ON. M4G 2W7. Or email the form to houseleague@leasidetennis.org

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 on page 6 of the Spring newsletter, or on the website www.leasidetennis.org)

Questions: call Roman Kucharczyk, Tel: Day: 416 798 5560, Eve: 416 423 0513

Open House

It was a lovely spring evening for this year's Open House. Well over 100 members came out of winter hibernation to meet and greet old and new friends, enjoying sushi, sandwiches and other goodies -- washed down with red, white and rose wines and a selection of popular beers. A big thank you to Joan Nutt, Marilyn Garrard, Kathy Rutherford and John Stephenson for all their help with the setting up and clearing away.

Susan Rutherford, Social Director.

Support the Daily Bread Food Bank

at the Lucky Draw and the July Charity Ball Tournaments

We ask Lucky Draw participants and non-participants to provide their support to this worthy charity through donations of specific canned goods etc. (as listed in the clubhouse) by the May 23 tournament date. Charity information and charity collection boxes are located in the clubhouse.

Non-participants who donate on May 23 will receive a ticket to join our barbeque later in the morning.

Monetary contributions (cheques) are welcomed throughout the season (made out to Daily Bread Food Bank) and can be given to the court supervisors or Tournament Director.

Your contributions will be acknowledged at the year-end party.

Fred Yagi, Tournament Director

JUNE 2009						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 7-11am Clinics 11-3:30pm TP[3] 4-6pm Jnr Clinics 7pm MATCH [3] 7:30pm Board Mtg	2 7-10am Clinics 9 -11am RR[4] 4-6pm Jnr Clinics	3 7-10am Clinics 10am MATCH [3] 4-6pm Jnr Clinics 7-11pm HL	4 7-10am Clinics 9 -11am RR[4] 4-6pm Jnr Clinics 7-11pm MATCH *	5 7-10pm CRR	6 2-4pm Adult Clinics 4-6pm Adult Drills 5-7pm Jnr Match[3]	7 11-1pm TP [3] 1:30-3:30pm RR[4] 3:30-5pm Jnr RR[2]
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Legend: HL - House League RR - Round Robin [members only] CRR - Community Round Robin [members & non-members]			TP - Team Practice [] - # of courts used		Note: All Matches are played until finished, approx. 2hrs * Tuesday and Thursday evening matches use 4 courts 7-9pm, then 2 courts 9-11pm approx.	

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