

# LTC

LEASIDE TENNIS CLUB - NEWSLETTER

August/September 2009

## Club Championships



August 28, (Friday evening or earlier),  
Saturday August 29 and Sunday August 30.

Sign up at the Clubhouse. Cut-off August 21, 2009.

This year, the Club Championships will be held on a weekend using a 9-game pro set format. All category events will be held based on a minimum 8 entrants per event. There will be no consolation rounds.

Club trophies and other prizes will be provided to winners and finalists in each category.

Fred Yagi, Tournament Director

## Mark Your Calendar

- ❖ **August 28-30:**           **Club Championships**
- ❖ **September 19-20:**   **Junior Championships**
- ❖ **October 15:**           **AGM**
- ❖ **October 17:**           **Year End Party**

## In Memory

Recently, Stan Goldsmith passed away at his home in Calgary. Stan joined the Leaside Tennis Club in the late fifties. He was a member of the Executive Committee that re-organized and incorporated the club in 1967-68, re-established the bylaws, and borrowed the money to rebuild the courts and lighting systems. He set up a five-year plan to repay the loan and further improve the facilities, a process that has remained to the present. Stan was a strong competitor and leader. Stan and his wife Dora left the club when they moved to Calgary to join their daughter and her husband, but they have always maintained contact with the Club.



Stan Goldsmith

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Will be mailed to all  
members in September.*

## First Aid

Three Court Supervisors; Rene, Paul and Alena, three Pros; Chris, Peter and George and three Board members; Susan, Dick and Joan (Nutt), took part in this day long course and found it very informative and entertaining. The course included the use of the on-site defibrillator. They can't wait to try out their knowledge on a real person. Hopefully, no-one will oblige them.

Lifesaver 101 presented this excellent course. Many thanks to the Toronto Tennis Academy for organizing this.



Photo provided by Peter Cameron

## Our New Ball Machine is Here!

Your Club has recently taken delivery of a brand new state-of-the art ball machine. It is the workhorse of the industry and very highly received wherever it is in use. This is the machine that some say is responsible for Andre Agassi's reputation as the best returner/retriever in the tennis world. Mike Agassi, (Andre's father) participated in the development of this particular machine. Most of our Club players will probably only employ the machine for correcting and perfecting their weakest and strongest (respectively) shots. This machine will perform this task to perfection. It will feed a ball to the same point time after time. Part of this feature is due to the use of pressureless balls. The balls you buy and use regularly are pressurized which is why they come in a pressurized container. But, as time goes by they lose their internal pressure, hence they start to bounce differently - some lower, some higher. In a ball machine, pressurized balls start to degrade and consequently, the machine starts to spray the ball. The Dunlop pressureless balls we have purchased are the closest ball performance-wise to the pressurized variety - and last considerably longer - six months or more. So if you use the machine, please make sure that you do **NOT** mix in pressurized balls, or erratic feed

will be the result. The pressureless balls have an "L" written in magic marker on them.

But back to the machine. It is available to members for rent, from the Court Supervisor. The rules for its use are posted at the Club and on the website. The fee for use is nominal, (\$5.00 per 40 minute period), and is intended only to cover the cost of replacing the balls.

You will have to read and understand the Operations Manual before being permitted to use the machine. The manual is available through the Court Supervisor or may be downloaded from the company's website; [www.ballmachinemd.com](http://www.ballmachinemd.com). Simply click on the pdf icon for the "Playmate Grand Slam" machine and the manual will pop up and you can print off your own copy.

When we took delivery of the machine, a demonstration was to have taken place. Unfortunately that exercise did not take place due to day-long rain. The sales rep. will be back this way later on this summer and promised to demonstrate it then. If you call and leave a message on my phone (416-481-4890) with your name, telephone number, and or e-mail address I will let you know the date and time.

Bill Foster, House and Courts

## Chris's Coaching



You will find yourself in three different situations during a match. You will be ahead, behind or even.

When ahead in the match, you must play consistent forcing tennis. Go for too much, you might find yourself losing your rhythm. Go for too little the same thing might happen. Steady pressure will eventually prevail. How many times have you been ahead 5-1, or 4-2 in a set and lost? This usually occurs because your mind tells you that it is almost over and you stop playing the way that got you there.

When behind always attack. This phase requires quicker pressure plays, pushing you opponent back. Do not wait for mercy; get right back at your opponent. If you are going to lose, always loose aggressively. Remember your opponent might also sit back and wait for the match to end.

When even always go with fundamentals. Regular stuff is good enough. Try not to be too fancy.

Some final thoughts:

If he gives you a whack, hurt him right back.

If he makes a mistake, a quick point you take.

Remember, 3 points in a row, starts the flow.

Chris Little, Head Professional

## Fall Clinics

**Juniors:** Check for a notice in the clubhouse or website regarding after school clinics in the fall.

**Adults:** We are also looking to run some adult clinics in the fall.

Chris Little, Head Professional

## Tournament Results

**Lucky Draw Charity Mixed Tournament** was a great success with over 44 participants involved. The winners were Barry Bowers and Elizabeth Heusel, with finalists - Andrew Rogers and Rukhsana Chaudry. Consolation winners were Zia Sheikh and Susan Poaps with finalists -Adrian Browne and Cathy Motherwell. The Lucky draw provided an equal opportunity for all

participants to win on-going draws, especially the grand draw prize for a large professional tennis bag. Many thanks to all participants who generously contributed to the Daily Bread Food Bank Charity and especially those who provided monetary donations. Thanks go to Sue Rutherford and family who again provided a great barbeque spread for all.

Fred Yagi, Tournament Director

## AUGUST 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2 11-1pm TP [3] 3:30-5pm Jnr RR[2] 7-9pm RR [4]
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10 1-4pm Camp[4] 7:30pm Board Mtg	11 9 -11am RR[4] 1-4pm Camp[4]	12 1-4pm Camp[4] 7-9:30pm HL	13 9 -11am RR[4] 1-4pm Camp[4] 7-11pm MATCH *	14 1-4pm Camp[4] 7-10pm CRR[4]	15	16 3:30-5pm Jnr RR[2] 7-9pm RR [4]
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31 1-4pm Camp[4]						

**Legend:**

HL - House League  
 RR - Round Robin [members only]  
 CRR - Community Round Robin  
 [members & non-members]

TP - Team Practice  
 [ ] - # of courts used

**Notes:**

All Matches are played until finished, approx. 2hrs  
 \* Tuesday and Thursday evening matches use  
 4 courts 7-9pm, then 2 courts 9-11pm approx.  
 ^^ Dependant on the Championships being finished.

## SEPTEMBER 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 9:30 -11:30am RR[4] 1-4pm Camp[4]	2 1-4pm Camp[4] 7-9:30pm HL	3 9:30 -11:30am RR[4] 1-4pm Camp[4]	4 1-4pm Camp[4] 7-10pm CRR[4]	5	6 1:30-3:30pm RR[4]
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