

# LTC

LEASIDE TENNIS CLUB - NEWSLETTER

Fall 2009

## *Mark Your Calendar*

❖ **Competitive Round Robin – *NEW THIS YEAR***  
**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-Noon**

A competitive Round Robin to be run by Chris Little for those whose level is 3.5 and above. See the club-house for details and to sign up.

Sign-up deadline is September 20<sup>th</sup>.

❖ **LTC Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**  
**LTC Club House**

Our AGM is held every year to inform members of previous and future activities and is the forum for the election of directors for the Club.

It is an opportunity for the members to be given information about the Club's accounts and to ask any questions regarding decisions the Club has taken in the past and will take in the future. *See Agenda page 3.*

All members are welcome. Pizza, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be served from 7:00pm.

❖ **End-of-Year Party**  
**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

Opens at 7:00pm with full Buffet dinner being served at 7:30pm.

Adults only. One guest per Club member.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available from the Court Supervisors at the Clubhouse starting September 28<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a seating plan again this year.

Be sure to purchase early, this is the best meal deal in town!

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## Presidents Message

It is a beautiful August day, as I sit down and write this last message of the season to all our members, and co-incidentally my last message to you, as President.

When the bylaws of the tennis club were drafted in 1969 it was determined by the executive committee of the time, and reiterated in the rewritten bylaws of July 19<sup>th</sup> 2001, that the tenure of the President should be limited to a three year term, so as to prevent the clubs' operation from becoming stagnant. The President is selected from the elected board members and must have served at least one year on the board to be eligible for nomination; last year there was nobody eligible who wanted to take over the position and so I was elected to be President for an unprecedented fourth year, but it has to be my last.

This season, has not been the greatest, with too many rainouts, a garbage strike, City staff strike, plus an aggravating medical condition that has restricted my playing time. Although the Club Championships were cancelled due to lack of interest, we had a very good Lucky Draw Tournament and, despite a rainout, a successful Charity Ball Tournament.

This year, we did complete the paving (to help with maintenance) at the northeast corner of the upper courts and paving at the south side of Trace Manes building for use by the young Juniors for "Progressive Tennis". So far, the young juniors do not seem to be making much use of the area, probably due to it being too late for setting up. What was interesting however, were local rumours from city staff and our local councilor that the tennis club was preparing to install indoor courts for the winter. How we wish!



The club also purchased a new sophisticated ball machine that appears to have received great acceptance and we are looking to purchase an additional feature to help us improve our return of serve. [See page 5]

This year for the first time we have had to limit the number of juniors who can join, as it has risen to over 350. This, together with the adult membership of 690, puts us well over the 1000 membership, with a waiting list of 290. Unfortunately, because of the City strike we have not been able to make any advancement in obtaining land for more courts in the industrial area, or furthering our lease renewal proposal.

Sad to say, we suffered the loss of two founding members of the Executive Committee that resurrected the Leaside Tennis Club from oblivion in 1968. The Committee provided the formula and the means that allowed the club to become the successful financial and managerial organization with the exceptional playing facilities that we enjoy at this time. Both Murray Young, who died earlier this year and Stan Goldsmith who died two months ago, spent a lot of time and effort in the early years building up the club and improving the facilities. Those of us who worked and played with them over the past years will keenly feel their loss.

So, as I pass on the leadership of the club to whoever will succeed me as President, I wish them every success in their endeavor, and trust that during my 46 years at Leaside Tennis Club, seven years as President and many more years on the Board of Directors, that I have had some impact on the stability, success and operation of the club and to the sport to which I am addicted.

John Hunt (Your former President)

You are invited to the  
**Leaside Tennis Club Annual General Meeting**

Thursday October 15, 2009  
(Trace Manes Community Centre)

## **Agenda**

7:00pm Refreshments - Pizza and Pop

7:30pm

Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2008 Annual General Meeting and business arising.

President's Report and Discussion

Treasurer's Report and Discussion

Directors' Reports

Bill Foster	House and Courts
Joyce Macmillan	Membership
Roman Kucharczyk	House League
Gillian Kern	Teams
Fred Yagi	Tournaments
Diana Woodhead	Junior Player Development
Dick Harrald	Adult Player Development
Susan Rutherford	Social
Joan Edwards	Publicity

Election of New Directors

Other Business

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### **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. Six are elected annually, so that the Board always retains past experience in operation and administration. The six positions for election/re-election are Treasurer, Membership, House League, Teams, Tournaments and Adult Player Development. 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 John Hunt.

## Junior News

### Junior Carnival

We were very lucky again this year, as the weather turned out to be perfect for the junior carnival! About 60 juniors came out to compete in games and drills run by Chris and Kyle with the able assistance of Scott, Galen and Noah. In addition, of course, George did his usual fabulous job in organizing games for our juniors. Thanks to the Merchant of Tennis, the OTA and the TTA for their very generous donation of prizes for the event. Thanks to Stephanie Maier, Stewart Istvan, Patrick Mahoney and Stuart Clinton for their assistance with the fabulous barbeque.

### Junior Team Results

Congratulations are due to the Leaside Junior Team this year for their results in the Junior Doubles League. The Leaside team were finalists in Flight 2 of the U12 competition and winners of Flights 3 and 2 of the U13 competition. Congratulations to all team members for these terrific results!

### Junior Fall Clinics

The Club will be running junior clinics again after school this Fall. Please be sure to check the Clubhouse for forms posted during the week of August 24. The forms are also posted on the website. Make sure you sign up early to avoid disappointment.

### Junior Tournament

The Junior Tournament is scheduled for the weekend of September 19, 20 and 21. There will be separate singles draws for girls and boys in the following age categories: U18, U16, U14, U12 and U10. Come on out for the competition and prizes!

Signup sheets were posted in the clubhouse the last week of August. The deadline to sign up for the tournament is Monday, September 14. Make sure you sign up before the deadline and we look forward to seeing you all there!

Diana Woodhead, Junior Development Director.



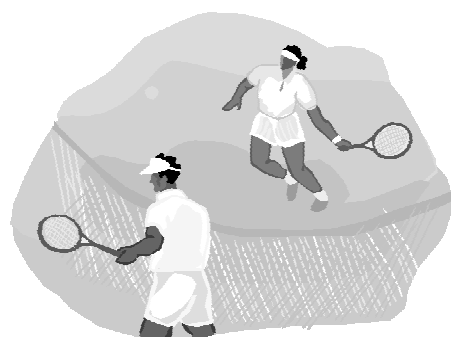
## ATTENTION JUNIORS – NEW MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE.

This year our Junior Membership quota was reached in mid-April. DON'T BE LEFT OUT IN 2010! The Junior Membership deadline is MARCH 12, 2010 - circle that date on your calendar NOW.

## Spring House League Results

The teams were well balanced and despite the four rainouts for this session, great games were enjoyed by all. Congratulations to Team 5, the winners.

Standing	Team	Score	Captain
1st	5	44	John Drummond
2nd	2	41	Jamie Procnunier
3rd	3	38	Dick Harrald
4th	1	37	Stan Murray
5th	6	27	Gary Rollerson



## Ball Machine Serve Lift

Following the favourable remarks from several members regarding the performance of the new Ball Machine, the Board of Directors have voted to purchase the “Serve-Lift” attachment for the machine. In essence, this is a small forklift, which elevates the ball machine so that balls are projected down into the service court from a height comparable to a server’s racquet. The machine we purchased is capable of firing balls up to 115 mph with any combination of top spin, under spin and slice (left or right). This will allow the student to practice their return-of-serve until they are exhausted. If I have not already mentioned it, this machine was developed

under consultation with Mike Agassi (Andre’s father) and reported to be responsible in large part for Andre’s reputation for having one of the most consistent service returns in tennis. I expect our team members at all levels will welcome the arrival of the serve lift, and our record against other clubs should improve next season.

The serve lift is scheduled for delivery the third week in August. Contact me at wofoster@sympatico.ca if you wish to attend the demonstration when the attachment is delivered and I will update you as to date and time. Bring your racquet!

Bill Foster  
House and Courts

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## Chris’s Coaching Corner



The mind goes through four different phases in one exchange of the ball.

- 1 **Anticipation**- of what your opponent is going to do.
- 2 **Reaction**- to what happens
- 3 **Decision**- of what to do with this type of shot
- 4 **Execution**- of the stroke

**Anticipation** skills develop with a lot of play. The important thing here is the more you can pick up by watching your opponent the faster you will get to phase 2.

**Reaction** is more fluid if it happens based on anticipation. Reaction can be slowed down by thinking. In any case as quick as you can take the first step to moving to the ball the better you will be able to get into position to strike the ball.

Most mistakes at a good level are made in the **decision** phase. This is where the brain must clearly take all the information in a short time and come up with the correct response.

If all three things come into place, the only thing that has to happen here is the **execution** of the stroke that was already decided.

So be aware of these four phases and raise your game to the next level.

## Adult Tennis Clinics [April 25 to June 20]

Again this year the clinics proved to be very popular with 196 registrations. The Saturday clinics, statistically, accounted for 18% of participants while 82% participated in the mid-week sessions. The participants of the clinics were divided 32% male and 68% female. The 9:00a.m.-10:00a.m. lessons being the most popular.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our head coach, Chris Little, for his skilled professional instruction in meeting the needs of the various levels of tennis players within each clinic. My thanks also to the able and talented assistance of Kyle Roybal. Both coaches worked as a great team. Unfortunately, the many rainouts were a scheduling problem but, for the most part, we managed to run make-up clinics. I hope that everyone has learned, and put into practice, some of the skills and strategies taught.

I would like to extend our thanks to the Toronto Tennis Academy who continues to provide excellent coaching staff to our club.

We would also like to encourage members interested in taking adult lessons next year to watch for the registration in the Spring 2010 newsletter. To avoid disappointment, get your applications and payments in early for those prime time clinic slots.

Thank you to those who participated in the clinics. Have a great indoor tennis season this winter.

Dick Harrald  
Senior Player Development

## Charity Ball – Huge Success!!

Over 26 players participated in this combined mixed round robin and charity event under the watchful eye of our Club Pro, Chris Little.

Congratulations to the winners who won the following events:

Mens High Score:	Roger Baguley
Womens High Score:	Elizabeth Heusel
Tie Breaker Tournament:	Joan Edwards and Anthony Lang
Speed Gun Serving:	John Drummond
Ball Machine Skills:	David Leung
Door prize:	Susan Poaps.



Joan and Anthony, Tie-Breaker Winners.  
Picture courtesy of Roger Baguley

Thanks to those who kindly provided canned food and monetary donations to the Daily Bread Food Bank. The Club matched any monetary donations provided.

Thanks also to the court Supervisors, Renee and especially to Paul who helped in all aspects of the event.

Based on the success of the event, look for sign-up sheets for another similar event on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (based on limited numbers and sign-up) that will be aimed at an advanced and intermediate level of play and run again by Chris Little.

Fred Yagi, Tournaments Director

## Tagging Up, Membership and Guests

In my capacity as House and Courts Director, I am responsible for the Court Supervisors: Rene Narbonne, Paul Kasta, and Alena Strban. All three have performed with distinction in my opinion. It can be a difficult job at times. Some observations on my part to all members based on what has taken place “on court” so far this year:

### When tagging up for a court.

Do not put up your tag(s) for a time period more than 10 minutes in advance of occupying the court. For example, if the court time slot is 10:00 to 10:40, you cannot put up your tags for this slot at 9:30 and immediately occupy the court. If a supervisor is on duty they will move your tags to the correct time slot - in this instance 9:20 to 10:00 and you run the risk of someone tagging up behind you for the now vacant slot 10:00 to 10:40! You may only enter the court a maximum of ten minutes prior to the slot booked! (And only then if the court is unoccupied.)

If you are on court and within the ten minute period at the end of the time slot and wish to play longer, go into the Clubhouse and move your tags forward to the next time slot, provided that it has not already been tagged up by other players waiting to play.

You must be physically on the Club premises to tag up a court. You cannot come over to the club at 6:30 and put your tag(s) up for a future time slot and then leave the club, planning to return and play in that future time slot. If you leave the premises your tags will be removed.

Please take your own tags down and replace them on the membership tag board when you have finished playing. This is not one of the Court Supervisor’s duties!

Another couple of reminders:

**Your membership is not transferable.** One of our members who was not going to be around for July and August decided to “lend” their membership (complete with shoe tag) to a non-member. The member has been reminded that the membership is for the member alone. It may not be “loaned” to anyone else.

**Guests** may be brought to the club for casual play. But guests may not be included in organized club functions such as “social play” and “House League” with the exception being the Friday Night Social, and the Year End Party.

Bill Foster, House and Courts

## How Did Our Teams Do?



Great competition, no one moved up and no one moved down.

Ladies Daytime:	A1 - 2nd C1 - 6th
Ladies Evening:	Div 2 - 4th Div 4 - 3rd
Inter-County Mixed:	B - 7th C - 6th

OCTOBER 2009						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4 1:30-3:30pm RR
				7-10pm CRR		
5 7:30pm Board Mtg	6 9:30-11:30am RR	7	8 9:30-11:30am RR	9 7-10pm CRR	10	11 1:30-3:30pm RR
12 <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	13 9:30-11:30am RR	14	15 9:30-11:30am RR 7:00pm AGM	16 7-10pm CRR	17 7:00pm YEAR END PARTY	18 1:30-3:30pm RR
19	20	21	22	23	24 <b>COURTS CLOSE</b>	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<b>Legend:</b> [ ] - # of courts used RR - Round Robin [members only] CRR - Community Round Robin [members & non-members]			<b>Notes:</b>			



## Membership Alert!!!

Next year, membership applications will be mailed out in early January and are to be returned no later than January 29, 2010. The Juniors deadline is March 12, 2010. Mark your calendar now! This earlier date will ensure that all members [renewals and new], will be in the Membership Directory.

- If you do not receive your 2010 Membership Application by the end of January 15, 2010,
- If there is an error in the 2009 Club Directory under your name,
- If you have a change of address or telephone number,
- If you are going to be away during January 2010,

Call the Membership Secretary, Erica Gilbert at 416-445-3341