

PRESIDENT'S LETTER: "IT'S NOT WIMBLEDON"

Well, spring is just around the corner and soon Trinity Tennis Club will be firing on all cylinders. We hope you are enjoying the winter and we are looking forward to seeing old friends and acquaintances in April. Looking ahead, the year after 2010 when the new clubhouse was built we are like the Maple Leafs; we have no plan other than winning the "A" League, the Community A and B leagues, with continuing the 50 odd year tradition of healthy exercise and bonhomie. However, the executive members agree that there should be a modicum of civility. Last year it was heated. In that context I look at my own feet: A few years ago Doreen Durham told me off: "This isn't Wimbledon!" Absolutely right in my view. Then again yesterday...well.

COURT MAINTENANCE

There may be a powerwashing and possible resurfacing for the courts; Koushik Krishnan, the Grounds Chair, will let us know and if it's necessary all members will learn the date(s) so they can revise their hits.

Thanks to all who helped last year no matter how. We are grateful. I must formerly thank outgoing execs Adil Sayeed, former VP, Tom Simunovic, former Social Chair, and Kenji Shiobara, former Grounds Chair.

ETIQUETTE

Shoe tags must be worn while playing. Please lock courts when leaving if no members are present. April to June as you may know can be chaotic. This year please bear in mind that the new Court Steward will need some time to learn the ropes, especially in that April-June timeframe. There are specific ways to go about tagging up.

MEMBERSHIP

We still have the discount plan: \$90 for returning members if they apply BEFORE April 1, 2011. For returning members fees will be \$100 after April 1, 2011. There are like 5 million people in the city, some of them players; these are excellent rates. We thank Trinity College for the use of their grounds. Incidentally last year there were 267 members. The quota this year is 265.

As well, early registration greatly assists the VP, George Daicopoulos and Secretary, Margaret Hoffman (associate Elena Capatina), in their tasks.

We are happy that Dagmar Storek will be returning as the Head Pro. She has been with Trinity since 2001.

CALENDAR

Here are just some of the key dates to watch for, but please refer to website or notice board at clubhouse during season. Our website will be more reliable this year!

OPENING THE CLUB	April 16, 10am (volunteers appreciated)
OPENING DAY PARTY	April 16, 7:30pm Gabby's Bar & Grill 192 Bloor St. West
MEN'S A TEAM TRYOUTS	April 23 & 24, 4-6pm (Steve Rumazza captain)
HIT WITH PROS	April 23, 8am-12pm (rain date April 24, 8am-12pm)
CLINICS	April 30, 8am-12pm (3 courts) This is Head Pro Dagmar Storek's first Saturday morning clinic — for Dagmar's classes and clinics, please check our website or clubhouse bulletin board.

COMMUNITY A&B TEAM TRYOUTS	May 1, 9am-12pm, May 7, 1-4pm
INAUGURAL SOCIAL WITH ROUND ROBIN (FREE CLINIC)	May 6, 6-8:30pm (free round robin clinic is from 5-6pm) Other round robins/socials are listed on website and will be posted at clubhouse.
MERV MASON WOOD RACQUET ROUND ROBIN & SOCIAL	JUNE 5, 1-4pm
MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT	June 11 with Finals BBQ on June 12, 2-4pm
WIMBLEDON SUNDAY ROUND ROBIN WITH STRAWBERRIES & CREAM	June 26, 1-4pm
REG COWAN	September 10
AGM	September 18, 3pm
CLOSING DAY	October 10, 2pm (pizza & Tim Horton nuggets)
YEAR-END DINNER	October 1, 7pm Where? Dunno

CLOSING STATEMENTS

Thanks to Paul Pei, a former club president, for stepping up and filling the role of Court Steward last year. This year, we have begun our search for a new Court Steward. Merv Mason will continue as weekend custodian.

Two subcommittees met over the winter to study the Court Steward and Head Pro positions. In these two areas the seals were splashing spiritedly. God bless us. Thanks to those who sat on those committees. George Daicopoulos and Harris Rosen are the only two I can name at this point, but thanks to all others who took part. The committees' findings give us a clearer idea about what the club needs. To be quite frothy about it, TCTC is evolving; it is amorphous. The committees' findings? We have more clearly defined duties for the Court Steward and have reaffirmed our commitment to having one Head Pro.

So we the TCTC board of executives too are preparing to fire on all cylinders. Please take this with a grain of salt. And have a good year.

Paul D
TCTC executive member