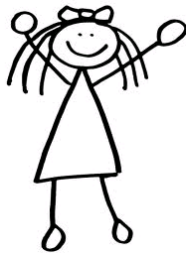




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July/August/September 2010 Newsletter



\$1,000 Raised! Thank You!

The Canada Day BBQ and charity event for the Sanfilippo Children's Research Foundation was a success beyond all expectations. Ann Gaylord and her Organizing Committee thank you all for coming out and generously giving, especially those of you who could not attend but contributed. Randall and Elisabeth Linton wish to express their deep gratitude for your support of the foundation, which raises money for research into Sanfilippo Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that occurs once in every 24,000 births, and from which their daughter, Elisa, suffers.

Ann wishes to thank those who made this day a success, in particular, Sharon Parker, Jack Di Nardo, Boris Itenberg, Ellen McGrath, Jennifer Archibald (aided by her twin sisters), Joseph Bracamonte, Sid

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Weinrib, Jason Yu, Paula Scott, Jason Handelsman, Fedja Hazidedic, Robbie Giorgio, and all those who helped in the clean-up, including Cecelia and Rob Inglis, Emily Kei, and KC Cheah.

Successful OTA Tennis Clinic

Rained out in June, this clinic was held in July and attracted about 18 people. For \$10, attendees received two hours of coaching in doubles play and tactics, an OTA T-shirt, socks, and complimentary tickets to the Rogers Cup Opening Day. The radar machine proved to be quite a hit, with Ann Gaylord and Terry Kulaga recording the highest total speed of serves in two tries. If you missed this clinic, remember to sign up next year!

Doubles Tournament Winners!

Jackie Sheehy, Tournament Director, reports the following results from the Doubles Tournaments held in July:

Men's Doubles Champions:

- **Oleg Yeltimov and Dima Yeltimov**

Men's Doubles Consolation Winners:

- **KC Cheah and Brandon Lee**

Mixed Doubles Champions:

- **Barb Gravlin and Brian Kremer**

Mixed Doubles Consolation Winners:

- **Marg Fortin and Steve Mullins**

Women's Doubles: Cancelled for lack of participants

Inter-County "C" Team--- Going for Top Spot!

We're in second position behind North York Tennis Club by three points! The playing members, the women's and men's captains, and our two pro's are to be commended for their weekly effort and commitment though success comes with a price---Colleen Boyce, KC Cheah, Cecelia Inglis, Dale Miike, and Sergey Kalinichenko are all out with injuries!

Regrettably for the team, Barb Gravlin has found it necessary to step down as the women's captain. She has played a

vital role in scouting the other teams, assessing the strengths of her players, and fielding a lineup of players who complement each other for successful doubles matches. The team would not be in its current second position without Barb's effort and skills. Thank you, Barb. For the rest of the season, Mohammad Abid will assume responsibility for both the men's and women's rosters.

Another Successful House League Clinic

The popularity of the first doubles clinic for house league players prompted House League Director, Kathy Tyndale, to offer a second. Eight players took part in a one-hour clinic on July 30th, led by Jason Handelsman, our head pro, who was assisted by two of the instructors in the junior program—terrific value for \$10!

House League Standings

In July, House League standings were:

Monday League:

Amira Clayton's Melbourne Team is in first spot with 500 points, followed by Zdenka Kucerova's Wimbledon Team with 417 points.

Wednesday League:

KC Cheah and Emily Kei's Wimbledon Team is in first spot with 427 points, followed by Ryan Zhao's Flushing Meadows Team with 387 points.

These statistics can be viewed online in the members' section at:

www.gwendolentennis.net

Enter the password you were given with your shoe tag or send a request for the password to: gwendolenparktennis@hotmail.com

The House League semi-finals will be held on September 6th and 8th and the finals on September 13th and 15th.

In these last weeks of the season, we remind house league players that house league requires a degree of commitment. You don't have to be available every week, but you are required to respond in a timely manner to your captains' requests for you to play, communicate when you plan to be away, and show up when you're supposed to play (barring emergencies, of course).

Unfortunately, a few of you are not doing this, resulting in defaults for teams and frustrating, last minute efforts by volunteer team captains, (most of whom work full-time), who spend time each week finalizing the roster, pay the full membership fee, and are equally interested in enjoying themselves.

Effective immediately, House League Director, Kathy Tyndale, has authorized team captains to invoke a two-strike rule--a player who, since the beginning of the season, has not shown up twice or failed twice to reply to an invitation to play without advising the team captain of absence in advance can either be removed from the playing list or given one more chance to play, at the house captain's discretion.

To those of you who diligently respond, show up each week, communicate your absences in advance, and substitute at short notice, thank you!

Property...Supervised Hours for the Courts Increased

Higher numbers, increased revenue, and more members playing during open play time have resulted in increased hours for the court monitors. Katy and Jihad have set a high bar for courteous court supervision, efficient registration of late applicants, and generally keeping the clubhouse tidy and in order. They have also appreciated the cooperation and courtesy they have received from the members.

However, the same is not true for the unruly, intimidating group of young people who invaded our clubhouse after hours on a couple of Friday evenings. Kathy Tyndale came close to being spat upon. For the safety of our monitors, the gate is now locked on Friday evenings, but Katy and Jihad are on hand to open it for members.

Please Lock Up!

A reminder to all to lock the gates when a monitor is not on duty.

No More Hydro Outages...We Hope...

Hydro outages, which require the court lights to be reset by the City, affected house league play in July. Let's keep our fingers crossed for the rest of the season.

Monitors Needed for 2011

Personable, dependable, organized, with excellent communication and language skills. Contact Paul Trinh, Donna Vanier, or Chris Dumanat.

August Happenings



Ladies' and Men's Singles Tournament

**Saturday,
August 21st**

**8:30 a.m. to
1:00 p.m.**

Bring a new tin of balls (or buy one at
the clubhouse for \$5.00)

Sign up sheet at clubhouse or email
Jackie Sheehy:

jackie_sheehy@yahoo.com

(Note: There is an underscore between
"jackie" and "sheehy".)



Round Robin & BBQ

**Sunday,
August 22nd**

**6:00 – 9:00
PM**

Thanks to Our Dedicated 2010 Volunteers

Our highly visible House League and Inter-County Team Captains (in alphabetical order): Mohammad Abid, KC Cheah, Amira Clayton, Marg Fortin, Barb Gravlin, Neil Hamilton, Emily Kei, Zdenka Kucerova, Jack Litner, Sharon Parker, and Ryan Zhao (we got a two- for-one deal in KC and his wife, Emily, who are co-captains!).

Perhaps equally visible and known are the following:

House League Director: Kathy Tyndale

Property: Paul Trinh, Chris Dumanat, Donna Vanier

Social: Ellen McGrath, Ann Gaylord (also responsible for liaison with Lytton Park Tennis regarding the junior programs), Boris Itenberg

Tournaments: Jackie Sheehy

Publicity: Marg Fortin, Zdenka Kucerova

Perhaps less visible portfolios and less known incumbents:

Treasurer: Jason Yu---keeps us all honest and has been made our website more functional.

City Liaison/Special Projects: Peter Paoli---instrumental in making the fourth court a reality and quietly but persistently working with the City on our court lights.

Special Projects: Jack DiNardo---Jack has been an important resource to the Executive and mentor to newer members. He has also become our chef-in-residence!

Past President: Jan Pastoriza---Jan's past experience and history with the club, like Jack Di Nardo's, are a valuable resource in decision-making by the Executive. Jan also fills in for the president and deals with disciplinary matters related to violations of our club rules.

President: Todd Archibald---the glue that holds us all together---he gets most complaint letters and is copied on almost every email!

Special Tributes to Outgoing Executive Members

Membership is a continuous, unseen and unsung portfolio, starting in early spring---application forms (some undecipherable) are checked, tags mailed, cheques sent to the Treasurer, lists to Property, Publicity, and House League---repeated about 427 times (current total membership)...a daily intrusion in one's life (and mailbox), and we are deeply indebted to **Alison Boase** for her six years in this job. Thank you, Alison! A well-deserved break!

Ellen McGrath, has also decided to take a break after a five-year stint as **Socials Director**. Getting up early to do the shopping for social events was Ellen's trademark. Thank you, Ellen!

Sven Hartman, Secretary for the past several years and host at his and Roula's home for Executive meetings, recently moved to Vancouver. We miss him on the courts already and his and Roula's gracious hospitality. Best wishes out West, Sven!

Zdenka Kucerova's artistic posters, colourful notice-board, and indispensable help in stuffing envelopes, posting flyers on lampposts, and generally helping out will be missed in **Publicity**. Zdenka is moving to England at the end of the summer. Thank you, Zdenka, and all the best!

Pro's Tip Sheet #3

When to hit a forehand slice?

Slice, or backspin, causes the tennis ball to stay low, forcing your opponent to make a big stretch to get to the ball. If players like to attack the net and volley, they slice a lot.


The forehand slice shot is hit high-to-low, with the strings brushing under the ball. Just before you start your forward swing, raise the racquet head to shoulder height, open the face so that the hitting surface faces up, and produce slice by cutting under the ball with a long, smooth stroke that goes from low and back to high (shoulder-to-shoulder)

The slice forehand is easy to master, and a fair number of amateur players resort to it on the regular, but don't use it as a substitute for your flat or topspin forehand. It's a defensive shot that you should use on only three occasions:

- When you're scrambling to retrieve a good, angled shot by your opponent (this is called making a get) and you cannot set up to hit a conventional topspin or flat forehand
- When you're moving forward toward the net and you want to drive a low-bouncing ball into the corner of your opponent's court.
- When you want to surprise your opponent with a drop shot.

A word of caution: Slice backhands make poor passing shots. Slow pace and the flat trajectory give your opponent two big advantages: more time and an ideal height, at about a foot above the net, to smash away a winner.

September Happenings...Book these Dates!

<p>Saturday, September 11, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM</p>	<p>US OPEN MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prizes for winners and runner-ups• Food and beverages provided• US Open Semi-Finals shown between matches• Sign up at the clubhouse and you will be placed in a draw <p>Contact Persons:</p> <p>Jason Handelsman: jasonhandelsman@rogers.blackberry.net</p> <p>Fedja Hadzidec: fhadzide@uoguelph.ca</p> <p>Jason Yu: jason.yu@alumni.utoronto.ca</p>
<p>Saturday, September 18, 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon</p>	<p>ROUND ROBIN & CLOSING BREAKFAST</p> <p></p> <p>(Nets will remain up as long as weather permits.)</p>