



OAK BAY TENNIS CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2009

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BYLAWS

Over time Bylaws require updating to better reflect current conditions and practices.

The Board has prepared a draft proposal and seeks a collaborative consultation with the membership before bringing forward a Special Resolution at the 16th May AGM.

The proposal will be sent to those members who have email and the others are asked to contact any member of the Board to obtain a copy.

During the afternoon Drop-In tennis sessions on Saturday 21st and 28th March members of the Board will be at the clubhouse 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to explain the proposal, answer questions and discuss any special concerns or suggestions members may have. If you cannot attend at these times please feel free to send your questions to secobtc@shaw.ca.

Following those sessions the Board will develop a Special Resolution proposal that will be mailed to all members at least 14 days prior to the 16th May, 2009 AGM

This process is designed to allow the Special Resolution to pass without extensive detailed questions and discussion at the AGM and thus allow us to quickly proceed on to the social phase of that day and enjoy a fine lunch and plenty of tennis

THE OAK BAY TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Scheduled for Saturday 16th May, 2009 10:00 a.m. at the clubhouse.

Provisional Agenda

1. Minutes of 28th February, 2008 AGM
2. Business arising from the 28th February, 2008 minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Auditor.
5. President's Report
6. Election of Directors (two year terms)
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Three (3) Ordinary Directors
7. Appointments
8. Club Awards
9. Old Business
10. New Business
 - Bylaws Special Resolution
 - Other

This agenda is subject to change.

Tennis and a catered lunch will follow the meeting.

PARKING

Members are reminded of the importance to respect, cooperate and maintain good relations with our neighbours, and in particular Club Rules item #2 requiring members to use the street parking immediately in front of our own property when at all possible.

TEAM TENNIS 2009

Team Tennis play will start on May 7th and continue every Thursday evening until the Finals Day Party on August 27th.

The format consists of four teams that play three 30-minute games against each other every Thursday evening throughout the summer. Playing times will take place in two shifts: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., and these times will alternate every week. Thus Team A, for example, may play at 5:30 one Thursday and then at 7:00 the following week.

The focus of Team Tennis is primarily social although we try to keep the tennis competitive. Therefore, players who are comfortable playing in tournament situations are encouraged to sign up. Socializing in the clubhouse after play is also encouraged.

Playoffs for the Championship and Consolation Prizes will take place on the final Thursday (August 27th) followed by a Potluck Supper celebration party in the clubhouse.

Young at dgyoung@shaw.ca.

3KO TOURNAMENT

Dianna Logan and Helen Kempster are Tournament Directors for the annual Open Triple Knock-Out Tournament scheduled to be played from Thursday 21st through to Sunday 24th May 2009 (Sunday is the emergency 'rain day')

Further details will be posted nearer the date. Entry forms will be available at the clubhouse, sports centres and stores

A QUESTION OF RULES (1)

In doubles play the receiver's partner is allowed to stand close to the centerline, but is he allowed to place his racquet actually inside the box and obstruct the servers view just to intimidate the server?

CLUB TOURNAMENT

Carol O'Brien & Bev Maclean-Alley are the Tournament Directors for the annual Club Tournament scheduled to be played from Friday 5th June through to Saturday 13th June 2009.

Details of various categories and events will be posted well in advance before the entry deadline of date/time.

The Finals and lunch will be held on Saturday 16th June.

All members, both participants and spectators are welcome for the please watch emails/notices regarding arrangements for bringing a salad/dessert lunch.

CLUB WEBSITE

Our thanks to our Webmaster Dan Young for all the time and effort he puts in to maintain our website **oakbaytc.com** as a great resource of information for

The Calendar of Events
Club Bylaws and Rules
Photographs

From our site you can link directly to The South Island Tennis Association website where you will find a wealth of detail about tennis in the local area.

Another link connects to the Pacific Institute for Sports Excellence who run a number of courses designed for the serious tournament tennis player.

A QUESTION OF RULES (2)

When a piece of equipment (hat) falls on the court or a ball rolls onto the court while play is in progress, who is to call the let?

Is the team on whose side of the court the situation occurred the party responsible to make the call?

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Christine Kirchner is the Tournament Director for the Club Junior Tournament - a full day event planned for Monday 31st August.

Details will be posted nearer the date.

SOCIAL EVENTS

In addition to all the many other programmes, tournaments and events listed in this newsletter, there will of course be a full schedule of Social Tournaments:

- Opening Day
- New Member Mixer
- Hospitality Day
- Davis Cup Tournament
- R4 Tournament
- Senior/Junior Family Day Tournament
- Fall Fun Tournament
- Closing Day

Sign-up sheets for these events will be posted on the clubhouse door on the Saturday about two weeks before the event.

Note that you must go to the clubhouse to sign up for all these events. There is no provision for telephone or online sign-up.

MEN'S & LADIES' AFTERNOON DROP-IN TENNIS

Tuesday afternoon Men's Drop-In tennis will begin on Tuesday 5th May and continue through to Tuesday 1st September.

Ladies Drop-In tennis will be on Wednesday afternoons from 6th May to 2nd September.

These afternoons provide a great opportunity to pick up a game and meet some new players without all the hassle of a dozen and one phone calls.

While court #4 always remains open for any member to play singles, members are reminded that for the period 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on these Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon sessions courts #1,2 and 3 are reserves **exclusively** for Men's and Ladies play. This exclusivity is essential for the programmes to develop their full potential, even if it means that from time to time there are unused courts.

If all members observe these agreed-upon rules and offer common courtesy and respect towards each other as clearly laid out in Club Rule 13 then it should be quite unnecessary for ladies to have to ask the men to vacate the courts #1, 2 and 3 at the 1:00 pm. start time on Wednesdays, or vice versa on Tuesdays.

All members should be able to organise their play around this relatively short three hour period limitation.

CLUB RULES

Please note that there has been a small change made to the Junior Member's court access times in order to accommodate the TGIF events mentioned below.

ADULT DEVELOPMENT LESSONS & LUNCH

John Nichol, Frank Finney and Trevor Jones have volunteered their time and expertise to conduct the annual Adult Development classes. A sign-up sheet for the 20 person limit to each class will be posted on 14th March Opening Day.

The five weeks of 1½ hour Level 1 and Level 2 classes will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday/Sunday 18/19th April and finish with a BBQ lunch celebration on Sunday 17th May.

The regular weekend Drop-In Tennis & Tea sessions begin at 12:30 p.m. immediately following the lessons and members are encouraged to bring a packed lunch and enjoy a full day of tennis and socialising by joining the afternoon play to reinforce and practice their new skills

TENNIS BALLS

Members are reminded that under no circumstances are tennis balls to be removed from the club premises.

There is a well-defined progression for the use of tennis balls – they go from the Senior Rack to the Junior Rack and then to the Practice Baskets and Ball Machine. Once a month local community school organisations are delighted to accept our gift of two or more large plastic bags of the soft and oldest balls.

Unfortunately, there were occasions last year when we did not see the monthly accumulation of 200+ old tennis balls (even after we'd collected the strays from our neighbours' gardens) and we can only conclude that some person or persons are deliberately taking the balls.

It is not the responsibility of your volunteer Board to monitor and enforce the rules – the obligation belongs to every single member of the club.

BRIDGE EVENINGS

Claire and Tom Kane are suggesting a summer series of Bridge evenings in the clubhouse from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday starting in May.

With a weekly sign-up by phone or email, there could be up to 4 tables playing social bridge (Chicago scoring – players rotate after 4 games) and while beginners would be welcome there will be no formal instruction given.

If you are interested please email tandekane@yahoo.com with comments, suggestions and offers to help either as a coordinator or helping with the weekly set up.

ANSWER TO A QUESTION OF RULES (1)

Players may not make motions that are meant to intentionally distract the opponent, even prior to the point being played. They must stop when asked to stop. The next time they act in this way, you can deem it intentional hindrance and thus a loss of point.

The receiver's partner may stand anywhere. Once the receiver's partner takes a position, he/she should remain there until the ball is struck. If the receiver's partner moves away before the ball is struck, then it could be deemed that the only reason he or she took such a position was to hinder the server, and that is not allowed.

Waving your racket into the service box while standing outside the box is not permitted.

Other "hindrances" that serve to distract play might be a player loudly squeaking his or her shoes, or a receiver's partner jumping about and making more than "preparatory" movements while at the net.

Another hindrance issue is a player shouting "hit it" at the opponent once the ball has left the player's racquet. Players should be aware that they can communicate with their partner anytime while the ball is headed towards them, but once the ball leaves their racquets they should be quiet.

KEY SECURITY

Keys to the club issued to both Junior and Senior members are supplied strictly for their own personal use.

It is important that these keys are not given or loaned to allow non-members to have access to the club courts and clubhouse.

ANSWER TO A QUESTION OF RULES (2)

Answer 2.

If a hat, ball or something falls on the court by a team or player, it is up to the opponents to call a "let" immediately if they feel that they are hindered.

You cannot create your own hindrance (even if unintentional) and then stop play because of it. The player who lost the ball or hat should keep playing unless the opponents stop play due to this action.

If it is outside interference, a ball coming from another court, for example, then any player can call a "let".

"Lets" cannot be called after the point is completed. They must be called IMMEDIATELY.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

The highly successful Junior Development Programme will run again this summer.

Classes will begin on Monday 25th May from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Details for sign-up etc., will be emailed and posted soon.

The final event of this programme is the fun filled Club Junior/Senior Tournament on Monday 3rd August (BC Family Day Civic Holiday).

This is a really fun event and all members, not just parents and grandparents, are urged to come along to play a game or two with the children and enjoy the entertainment and BBQ.

T.G.I.F.

Here's an event that everyone has been waiting for and is surely guaranteed to succeed.

It's all in the very early planning stages at the moment but Anne Currie has offered to initiate a drop-in Friday evening T.G.I.F. social get-together of tennis, B.B.Q and refreshments. The first TGIF will be in May – watch out for more details.

Obviously this is more than a one person undertaking and Anne is looking for a small crew of volunteers to work together with the organisation, cooking, clean up etc.

Please email Anne at annecurrie@telus.net if you are willing to assist.

CLUB EXCHANGES

We will host from the Arbutus Tennis Club on Friday 29th May and they have reciprocated with an invitation for June 26th.

We will host South Cowichan Lawn Tennis Club on Friday 10th July and visit to play on their grass courts on Friday 24th July.

Sign-up sheets for the six men/six women teams for these exchanges will be posted on the clubhouse door about two weeks prior to the event.

WEEKEND DROP-IN TENNIS

Everybody is encouraged to drop in for a while any Saturday, Sunday (and all statutory holidays) afternoon to join the informal Drop-In Tennis and Tea.

Play starts around 12:30 PM. and continues as long as there are members wanting to play.

Depending on the number attending it could be ladies', men's or mixed doubles play, or even singles for the healthy and fit true enthusiasts. Sometime during the afternoon we'll enjoy a cup of tea and a cookie or sometimes even a piece of sticky cake.