



# OAK BAY TENNIS CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

Spring 2010

### OAK BAY TENNIS CLUB

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### 2010 SEASON CALENDAR

You will see from the attached Calendar of Events the 2010 season promises to be as busy and active as ever with a wide range of tournaments, competitions, socials and exchanges to suit every taste.

If you have an idea or are interested in organising an event or programs please speak with a member of the Board – we're sure to be able to find an open date on the calendar.

### ADULT DEVELOPMENT

Give yourself a jump start to the season by joining this series of five Adult Development classes scheduled 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon from Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April through to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May. The sign-up sheet is posted at the clubhouse.

Please note that there will be no class on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May (Hospitality Day) but a combined all morning class and Graduation Day BBQ Lunch will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

The volunteer coaches are:

John Nichol (658-0247) is the volunteer coach for the Saturday morning Level 1 (NRTP >3.5) class and Frank Finney (389-0450) has volunteered to lead the Sunday morning Level 2 (NRTP <3.5)

Participants are encouraged to bring along a sandwich lunch (coffee and tea are always on hand) and stay to practice the new skills at the regular Tennis & Tea drop-in play that follows every Saturday and Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

### NOTICE

#### **THE OAK BAY TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 in the clubhouse.

#### **Agenda**

1. Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 AGM
2. Business arising from the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Auditor.
5. President's Report
6. Election of Directors
  - President (two year term)
  - Secretary (two year term)
  - Three (3) Ordinary Directors (two year terms)
  - Treasurer (one year term)
7. Appointments
8. Club Awards
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Other Business

**This agenda is subject to change.**

Tennis and a BBQ lunch will follow the meeting.

### BRIDGE EVENINGS

Space is limited for the Bridge group which meets in the clubhouse every second Wednesday.

Contact Claire and Tom Kane or Tricia and John Rea if you would like to play

### A QUESTION OF RULES

Are there any circumstances when a player may reach over the net to hit the ball?

## GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Our club is situated in a quiet residential area and it is important for us to show proper respect to and cooperate with all our neighbours and especially those whose homes immediately adjacent.

**Time:** Club playing times are not set at the whim of the Board but are specifically set out in Municipal Bylaws. During the week play may not begin before 8:30 A.M. and at the weekend and holidays not before 9:00 A.M. and at all times play must cease at dusk. Members must resist the temptation to 'just finish the set' but rather should finish play early in consideration for neighbouring families with young children.

**Parking:** Again, out of simple good manners and friendly consideration, members should use the street parking immediately in front of our own property when at all possible.

**Balls:** Like our Harper family neighbor by court #1, Scott Hall & Christine Döllinger, our new court #4 neighbors, have kindly given us permission to enter their garden retrieve errant balls from their back garden. They have two young children and a dog so members must be sure the garden gate is properly latched when coming and going.

## TENNIS BALLS

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

There is a well-defined progression for the use of tennis balls

- from the Senior Rack to the Junior Rack
- from the Junior Rack to the Practice Baskets
- and finally to the Ball Machine.

On a regular basis we contact local community school organizations who are delighted to accept our gift of two or more large plastic bags of the soft and oldest balls.

## T.G.I.F.

For 2010 we've identified four Fridays that we think will gather the best response

11<sup>th</sup> June

16<sup>th</sup> July and

27<sup>th</sup> August

Even better news is that we will be in charge.

Please email Ann if you are willing to be part of the team working to help organize, etc.

## SOCIAL

In addition to our social programmes, tournament programmes, tournament newsletter, there will be Social Tournaments:

## MENS AFTERNOON DROP-IN

Men's afternoon Drop-In tennis will begin on 26<sup>th</sup> May and continue every Wednesday through to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Wednesday afternoons courts #1, 2 and 3 are reserved **exclusively** for Men's play.

## LADIES' AFTERNOON DROP-IN

It is with some regret that we announce that the Ladies afternoon drop-in has been cancelled due to the lack of support. The continued poor attendance makes it impossible to justify blocking off three courts for a whole afternoon.

## 3KO TOURNAMENT

Dianna Logan and Helen Kempster are Tournament Directors for the annual Open Triple Knock-Out Tournament scheduled to be played from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> through to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009 (with Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> the emergency 'rain day').

Further details will be posted nearer the date. Entry forms will be available at the clubhouse, sports centres, local sports stores and on the OBTC website [www.oakbaytc.com](http://www.oakbaytc.com)

## CHEWING GUM

The volunteers who washed and cleaned the courts last month would like those who deface the courts with spent chewing gum know that they have a special place reserved in the afterlife.

Rest assured that the place we have in mind will not involve floating on clouds – and don't bother to bring your harp along!

Our sincere wish is that the offenders adopt the considerate, polite and hygienic good habit of using the garbage can immediately to hand.

## ANSWER TO A QUESTION OF RULES (1)

There is only one situation when a player may reach over the net to play a ball

If the spin or wind brings the ball back over the net to the side of the player(s) who hit the shot, the opponent may then reach over the net and play the ball.

They may not touch the net or the opponent's court. The player who hit the shot with this spin cannot hit the ball until his opponent has a chance to reach over the net and play the ball - otherwise he would have hit the ball twice in a row.

## TOURNAMENT

Kirchner is the Tournament Director for the Junior Tournament - a full day tournament on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Further details will be posted nearer the date.

### **2011 CENTENNIAL**

Planning for the 2011 Centennial Celebration is now beginning in earnest. Please contact Christine to volunteer to join the planning committee.

As part of our entry in the Oak Bay Parade we plan to hand out racquets and balls – this is great opportunity to put to good use that old racquet that you've been hanging onto for so long.

### **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.

### **WEEKEND TENNIS & TEA**

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, a sandwich or cookie or sometimes even a piece of sticky cake.

### **JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT**

The highly successful Junior Development Programme will run again this summer with classes beginning on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Details for sign-up etc. will be emailed and posted soon.

For the 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. program for the younger children we need the active participation of the parents and willing volunteers of all age groups. Please contact Christine (250)-595-0194.

The final event of this programme is the fun filled Club Junior/Senior Tournament on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August (BC Family Day Civic Holiday).

This is a fun family oriented 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.

### **CLUB EXCHANGES**

For 2010 we have agreed to club exchanges with the Arbutus, South Cowichan, Port Angeles and Saltspring Tennis Clubs.

On 24<sup>th</sup> April we will post the sign-up sheet for the first exchange scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> May when we will host Port Angeles

The underlying idea is a relaxed day of social mixed doubles with each club team made up of 6 women and 6 men. All the exchanges will be held on Fridays – generally 9:00 A.M. to 3 P.M. with a group lunch included.

About 2 weeks before each exchange, sign-up sheets will be posted in our Clubhouse. We are hoping more of our women players will participate this year.

Bob Turner and Bill Birney are organizers for these tennis exchanges are. Please feel free to call either with any questions you may have.

### **TELEVISION SOCIALS**

Television socials are planned for the French, Wimbledon, Canadian and US Open finals provided an ideal opportunity to organise more social events.

Details of the event appropriate menu (Wine and Cheese for Roland Garros, Strawberries & Cream for Wimbledon etc.,) will be posted nearer the time.

Is anyone interested in help organise similar events for the FIFA World Cup in June?

### **SIGN-UP FOR SOCIAL EVENTS**

To ensure a fair and equal opportunity for all members to participate in social events the sign-up sheet will normally be posted at 1:00 P.M. on the nearest Saturday two weeks in advance.

An extra one week's notice may be appropriate when travel or extra preparation is involved (e.g. club exchanges to Port Angeles or fancy dress events).

Members must visit the club house to sign up -Email or telephone sign-up is not allowed.

During the initial 30 minutes members may sign only for themselves and their playing partner.

### **GUESTS**

Please remember that that you ***must*** sign in your guests ***before*** you start to play.

## CLUB TOURNAMENT

Carol O'Brien & Bev Maclean-Alley are the Tournament Directors for the annual Club Tournament beginning on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

We can all look forward to a really fun packed weekend when the first (12<sup>th</sup> September) weekend of our club tournament coincides with the finals of the US Open Tennis Tournament and the opening week of the new NFL season.

This later in the season time slot does not seem to conflict with any other tournament will thus allowing all club members to participate.

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

All members are welcome to join the participants and enjoy the finals and lunch on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Please watch emails/notices regarding arrangements for bringing a salad/dessert lunch

## TEAM TENNIS 2010

Team Tennis play will start on 13<sup>th</sup> May and continue every Thursday evening until the Finals Day Party on 12th August.

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 goal for team tennis in 2010 is to enhance the level of play by fielding well balanced competitive teams therefore priority will be given to players who are minimum NRTP 3.5+ level and are comfortable playing in tournament situations. Socializing in the clubhouse after play is also encouraged.

Playoffs for the Championship and Consolation Prizes will take place on Thursday August 12th followed by a Potluck Supper celebration party in the clubhouse.

The sign-up list has been posted at the clubhouse door or you can email to Dan Young at [dgyoung@shaw.ca](mailto:dgyoung@shaw.ca).

## CLUB WEBSITE

Visit [oakbaytc.com](http://oakbaytc.com) for the latest updates of The Calendar of Events, Club Bylaws and Rules and photographs from recent tournaments and events.

Contact Dan Young (email [dgyoung@shaw.ca](mailto:dgyoung@shaw.ca) 250-382-4776) if there is something you think should be posted.

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## HAIL & FAREWELL

We extend a warm welcome to the following members who have joined us this year:

Scott Dunbar  
Larry & Jane Grainger  
Karin & Michael Hanwell  
Kim & Patti Bergh  
Linda and Peter Maddaugh  
Eimer McGrath

... and we say farewell and send our best wishes to:

Susan Beach	resigned
Jim Cunningham	resigned
Deanna Jacobs	failed to renew
Peter Currie	resigned
Mary Fitzpatrick	resigned
May Hamilton	resigned
Ann Herbert	resigned
Lisa Maxwell	resigned
Michelle McBride	resigned
Joe Nemeth	resigned
Phil Symington	resigned
Barry Thomas	resigned
Ruth Whitten	failed to