

## **JUNE 2011 AT THE OAK BAY TENNIS CLUB**

### **Centennial T-shirts and The Oak Bay Tea Party Parade**

If you are interested in purchasing white tennis t-shirts with the Oak Bay Tennis Club Centennial logo, please email Henry Lutte: [lutteh@shaw.ca](mailto:lutteh@shaw.ca). The t-shirts come in children and adult sizes and are \$10.00 each. To commemorate our centennial year, The Oak Bay Tennis Club will have an entry in the Oak Bay Tea Party Parade on Saturday, June 4. We are encouraging as many Juniors as possible as well as their parents and grandparents to join in—but you will need to wear an Oak Bay Tennis Club centennial t-shirt.

### **Junior Development at the Oak Bay Tennis Club 2011**

**Reminder: Junior Development begins on Monday, June 6 at 4:00 p.m. The children will be divided into colour-coded teams according to their age and skill level. The first lesson will be an introduction and will be followed by pizza and popsicles.**

**In addition to the parents/grandparents/senior members who will "shag" balls, we need volunteer playing "partners" for the Monday evening Junior Development classes. Your assistance is needed on Monday evenings even if you can't be there for the whole time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (3 to 9 year olds); 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (10 to 18 year olds). Please contact Christine Kirchner (email: [kirchner@camosun.bc.ca](mailto:kirchner@camosun.bc.ca) or phone: 250-595-0194) if you are willing to help out.**

The Oak Bay Tennis Club Junior Development Program will take place every Monday afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, June 6 and ending on Monday, August 1 (BC Day: Junior + Senior Family Fun Tournament). Our main coach, Piers Zdan, is a member of the Oak Bay Tennis Club, helped out with our Juniors two years ago, and now coaches at the Oak Bay Rec Centre. He is trained in the "Progressive Tennis" Method, which is currently sponsored by Tennis Canada and is used at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre, Panorama, and numerous other tennis facilities. In addition, the Junior Tournament, now known as the Rogers Rookie Tour Day, is all day on Sunday, August 28. The Junior Development schedule is as follows:

Monday, June 6. Introduction. Formal coaching. "Pizza & Popsicles."

Monday, June 13. Formal coaching.

Monday, June 20. Formal coaching.

Monday, June 27. Formal coaching.

Monday, July 4. Formal coaching.

Monday, July 11. Formal coaching.

Monday, July 18. Formal coaching.

Monday, July 25. Formal coaching.

Monday, August 1. All day. Junior + Senior Family Fun Tournament.

Sunday, August 28 (and possibly, Monday, August 29 too). All day. Junior Tournament (Rogers Rookie Tour Day).

### **Ladies Weekly Sign-Up**

I liked what Peter Rourke said at the A.G.M. about there being no tennis level restrictions in the club and everyone playing happily with everyone else. This is the ideal. But the reality is different. Ladies' 2010 Drop-in had been cancelled. It was a flop. This time last year there was no such thing. Deb Johnson, a new member, and I, with support from other ladies, tried to make a go of it. There were many teething problems, so we introduced a weekly sign-up and guidelines to streamline and maximize play. One problem addressed was the disparity in playing ability which, we were told, had been a major reason Ladies' Drop-in had folded. One guideline we introduced was a level of play based on the level we observed most ladies to be playing at. We wished to ensure that players were not too unevenly matched and could enjoy a good competitive game. It worked well. We attracted between eight and twelve players each week last year.

This year thirty ladies have signed up of whom nineteen are anxious to play when they can. In our fifth week of the season we have filled all three courts and more. We do not exclude, but we do encourage ladies to do a certain amount of self-assessment prior to asking to sign up. We can all improve, and free lessons have just been offered by the club to that end.

If anyone wishes to to organize a ladies' group for Level three and under, there is plenty of court time left on Wednesdays. We use only two hours from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Deb Johnson resigned as co-organizer a month before play began. She put in a lot of work on this and certainly has my thanks.

Mary Beardsmore,  
Ladies' Weekly-sign-up Tennis Organizer

## **CLUB Tournament**

ATTENTION club members:

The annual Club Tournament is scheduled for August 12-21.

We would like to have maximum participation this year.

Please forward your suggestions/ideas to make this a fun & successful club event in our 100th year!

Thanks in advance for your input.

Claire & Tom Kane  
Club Tournament Directors 2011

## **TENNIS EXCHANGES**

This year we are expecting to have exchanges with three other Clubs: Saltspring, South Cowichan and Arbutus (this latter one to be finalized in the next two weeks). The OBTC "team" will be made up of 6 women and 6 men – all levels of play welcome.

The schedule of play is doubles and the emphasis is social tennis. At each event the host team provides a lunch. We typically play from 09h30 until 14h30 or so.

On Fri, 10 Jun, Saltspring Tennis Club will visit OBTC (sign-up sheet to be posted at our Clubhouse on Sat, 28 May)

On Fri, 15 Jul, OBTC will visit South Cowichan (sign-up to be posted Sat, 02 Jul)

On Fri, 26 Aug, South Cowichan will visit OBTC (sign-up to be posted Sat, 13 Aug)

Sign up! It's fun to travel to new venues and play with/against new people.

## **Team Tennis**

We are four weeks into the Team Tennis season. Team Standings are posted at the club and also on the OBTC website [www.oakbaytc.com](http://www.oakbaytc.com).

## **New Member Mixer scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> TGIF**

## **Parking at the Club**

Members are reminded to be considerate of our neighbors when parking at the club. Specifically please avoid parking anywhere on St Annes St and also avoid parking west of the club on Bowker. Thanks to everyone for this consideration.

## **Member Feedback**

As usual, comments and questions can be sent by email to [victobtc@gmail.com](mailto:victobtc@gmail.com) and you can view newsletters, calendar of events and event web albums on the club website at [www.oakbaytc.com](http://www.oakbaytc.com).