



Newsletter of the OBTC Passing Shots



Spring
2011

Occasionally published, but always a winner!

2011 Centenary Celebrations

OPENING DAY

The 2011 Oak Bay Tennis Club Centenary Celebrations will begin on Opening Day, March 12, 2011. On that day, the Centenary Plaque designed by club member, Peter Rourke, and the Commemorative Painting of the Club by artist and club member, Thelma Legge, will be unveiled. There will be "Opening Day" speeches followed by the traditional raising of the flag. Members will enjoy a delicious luncheon, and if the weather is favourable, much tennis.

Also on Opening Day, copies of George Metcalfe's history of the club, *The Oak Bay Tennis Club 2011 100th Anniversary Reminiscence*, will be available for purchase as will OBTC Centennial clothing and souvenirs designed and ordered by club members, Bill Bell, Pauline Price, and Henry Lutte.

OTHER CENTENARY EVENTS

Saturday, June 4: OBTC entry in the Oak Bay Tea Party Parade.

Friday, July 1, Canada Day: a special tea at the Club acknowledging the remaining Charter members.

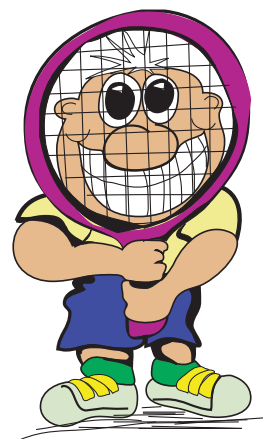
Saturday, July 9: a fashion show and tea on Court 1.

Saturday evening, July 23: a "Dance on Centre Court" at the Club.

Saturday, July 30: "The John Nichol Old Time Fun Tennis Tournament" on John's 80th birthday.

Details of these and other events will be in subsequent newsletters, in email bulletins, and on posters at the Club. Please check the Oak Bay Tennis Club 2011 Events Calendar too.

We have ordered special commemorative tennis balls for club play—just for the centennial year. In addition, throughout the centennial year, Peter Rourke will be creating an audiovisual recording of the events and of all the club members. If you have particular professional expertise, equipment and some enthusiasm, contact Peter at prourke@shaw.ca. Any assistance would be welcome and much appreciated. This recording will be available for sale in the form of a CD soon after the centennial year has ended.



Observations by *Poacher*, our newsletter mascot.

You certainly have a fine club and I enjoyed playing with many of you last summer, although I expected the level of play to be higher. Here's a hint: the secret of my success is lots and lots of practice. I respectfully recommend lots more sweat—and fewer afternoon teas.



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Thank God It's Friday

TGIF is back for a third year:

June 17, July 15, August 5.

Tennis begins at 5:30 pm followed by a barbecue and more tennis. All members are welcome. Please contact **Anne Currie** (250-995-2151) if you are interested in volunteering.



Newletter designed and produced by Larry Grainger

Notice: Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 in the clubhouse at 10:00 am.

Agenda

- 1 Minutes of May 22, 2010 AGM
- 2 Business arising from the May 22, 2010 minutes
- 3 Treasurer's Report
- 4 Auditor
- 5 President's Report
- 6 Election of Directors (two year terms)
- 7 Appointments
- 8 Club Awards
- 9 Old Business
- 10 New Business
 - Centenary Events
 - Other



This agenda is subject to change. Tennis and a catered lunch will follow the meeting.

Team Tennis 2011

Team Tennis play will start on May 12 and continue every Thursday evening until the Final Playoffs and Party on August 11.

The format consists of four teams that play three 30-minute games against each other every Thursday evening throughout the summer. Playing times take place in two shifts: 5:30 pm–7:00 pm and 7:00 pm–8:30 pm, 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. Socializing in the clubhouse after play has become very popular and all players are encouraged to attend.

Our goal for team tennis is to achieve an enhanced level of play by fielding well balanced competitive teams, therefore priority will be given to players with a higher level of play and are comfortable playing in tournament situations. This year we will be approaching newer members to participate in team tennis. The sign-up list will be posted at the clubhouse door or you can email victobtc@gmail.com.

2011 Tennis Club Exchanges

During 2011 the Oak Bay Tennis Club will hold four exchanges with other tennis clubs in the area: Saltspring Island, Arbutus, South Cowichan and Port Angeles. These exchanges center on a pleasant day of social doubles—usually around 9:30 am–3:00 pm on a Friday with a informal luncheon offered by the hosting club.

As of February 5, we have the following dates confirmed:

- May 6 – Saltspring hosts OTBC.
- June 10 – OBTC hosts Saltspring.
- July 15 – South Cowichan hosts OBTC.
- August 26 – OBTC hosts South Cowichan.

Dates for the other two clubs will be confirmed at a later date.

Watch for the sign up sheets to be posted in our Clubhouse and get involved. It's a fun way to meet some new tennis enthusiasts and play against some different people!

Men's Drop-In

Tuesday afternoons, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
May 3 to September 6
Courts #1, 2 and 3

Last year the Men's afternoon drop-in programme regularly drew 15 to 20 players and on several occasions there were 25 or more came along to pick up a game of doubles without having to make a dozen phone calls to find some new players and meet the challenge of new and different styles of play.

The basic requirement for any drop-in session is 'numbers' – we need enough players to allow a good mix and change of partners. If you don't find it to your liking the first time, the answer is not not to come again, but rather to persist and to encourage others to come along with you. Once that critical mass is achieved it becomes self-sustaining



Ladies' Drop-In

Wednesday afternoon, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
May 4 to September 7

Ladies' weekly sign-up tennis will begin Wednesday, May 4 from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm, and will run until Wednesday, September 7. Please note that we have changed the days of play from Tuesdays to Wednesdays so that both organizers [Mary Beardsmore](#) and [Deb Johnson](#) will be available to organize a longer season of play. We have a small social tea following play and we hope to have lots of fun. An e-mail with further information will be sent out closer to the start of the season.



2011 Adult Development Program

Join other club members this Spring in this series of fun but comprehensive clinics for players of different levels.

Intermediate (NRTP up to 3.5) 5 X Sundays in April and May, 11:30–12:00.

[Frank Finney](#), instructor. 250-389-0450.

This course reinforces and develops on the latest fundamental tennis strokes. Participants will be introduced to the use of spin, shot placement, and speciality shots. In addition players will learn play strategies and game styles through supervised play.

Advanced (NRTP above 3.5) 5 X Saturdays in April and May, 11:30–12:00.

[John Nicol](#), instructor. 250-658-0247.

For players who have already developed their match play skills but want to enhance them. In-depth tactical skills, speciality shots, shot selection, and skill drills will be introduced.

If you want to meet other club members, get fit, practice, and take a step towards more successful doubles play, watch for the sign-up sheet, class size for these very popular programs is limited,

Bridge Club

The OBTC bridge group meets every other wednesday at 7 pm in the club house.

This is a friendly, social bridge evening. All levels of play are welcome.

If you would like to participate, please contact [Tricia Rea](#) at: triciarea@shaw.ca or telephone 250-744-5728.

Club Website

We encourage members to visit the club website www.oakbaytc.com.

Upcoming events, the latest edition of The Calendar of Events, copies of the Club Bylaws and Court Rules together with a comprehensive and often hilarious selection of photographs taken at club events are all available on the site.

There are links to other Tennis websites such as The South Island Tennis Association website where you will find a wealth of detail about tennis in the local area.

In 2011 there will be new web pages dedicated to the clubs centenary events. Comments and suggestions are welcome, please send feedback to victobtc@gmail.com.

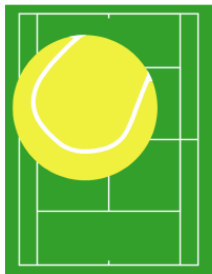
Good Neighbours

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 am and at the weekend and holidays not before 9:00 am 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.



Junior Development & Tournaments

The Junior Development Program will take place on every Monday afternoon from 4:00 pm–6:00 pm beginning in May 2011. More details about this program will be available soon.

The Senior + Junior “Fun” Doubles Tournament will take place at the Club on Monday, August 1 (BC Day). Please watch for posters and a sign-up sheet (which will appear early in July) advertising this one-day “tournament.”

The Junior Tournament is open to all Junior Members of The Oak Bay Tennis Club. This event will take place on Sunday, August 28. Posters and a sign-up sheet will be posted at the club early in July.

Club Reminders

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.

GUESTS

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

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.

Weekend Tennis and Television Socials

Every weekend and all statutory holidays, throughout the season, members are encouraged to attend Drop-In Tennis and Afternoon Tea. This year, Saturday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm, play will be limited to level 4.0+ players.

Television socials are planned for the four Grand Slams and the Rogers Canadian tournaments. Details of the event and appropriate menu (Wine and Cheese for Roland Garros, Strawberries & Cream for Wimbledon etc..) will be posted nearer the time.