



CENTRAL TENNIS CLUB OCTOBER, 2007

FALL NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mary Angelson

Once again, Central Tennis Club has had a very busy year with lots of activities to keep everyone running. We even had a new logo created by Marion Callan.

Your executive have been dedicated to ensuring that the year went smoothly and as many people as possible had the opportunity to participate in which ever activity they chose. The executive could not be as successful without the help of many volunteers who contribute so selflessly to our club. We are very fortunate to have such involved members who take such pride in their club.

The season began with a social to celebrate the 40th year of our club's existence. We were honoured to have three of our longest standing members in attendance on that bright Spring Day. Dennis Andrew, Lotti Groskopf and Ruth Heutschi. How proudly they smiled when thanked for their continuing support! Gloria Lindsay Lube joined us for our celebration and we received citations from Mayor Miller, Laura Broten, Borys Wrzesnowskyj and Roy Cullen. Marisa DeFrancesco, our resident party planner, was instrumental in orchestrating the day as well as all our socials during the year since we did not have an elected Social Director. As always, she puts her heart and soul into any activity she undertakes and we all greatly benefit from her efforts.

The Gala Dinner Dance in September was primarily Marisa's doing with lots of help from Maddie Lavereau. Those of you who attended the evening know what a special event it was. The party room at Thorncrest was elegantly decorated with attention to every detail. A complimentary cocktail called "The Smash" greeted every partygoer as they arrived. The food was fabulous, catered by our very own Tony Caputo with help from his lovely wife, Irene and friend Evelyn. After dinner, everyone danced the night away and went home after 1am with very tired feet

Manuel Guerrero dedicated his tennis season to capturing events at the club on video and compiled a beautiful DVD featuring our club, members and the Gala. What a special memorabilia for all of us. Thank you to Manuel for offering

We have several executive members retiring this year. Sad to see them go but happy to welcome equally enthusiastic new faces. Evita Sanders has been on the executive in several portfolios for fifteen years. She has been instrumental in bringing us to cyberspace. Jim Callan has organized our tournaments for three years and kept smiling calmly while keeping us focused. Margaret James has served for six years as Secretary and ICTA rep and done a great job. Elsa Marco has been our Daytime Director for three years and has revived the Daytime Luncheon.

The club offers so much to our members, please consider joining the executive to give a little back.

Stan Palmateer is our tireless pro for 19 years and counting. We can always rely on Stan to give excellent instruction, assist with team issues, help with socials and tournaments and assist our Junior Director. Thank you Stan

Please mark Nov. 3 on your calendar to help us close up the facilities. There is lots to be done and "many hands make light work".

Our Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 20 at 8 pm . Please join us to make decisions for next season and support your executive. If there are any agenda items you wish to include, please email or call me.



Dennis Andrew. Lotti Groskoof and Ruth Heutschi

ERIC CATER AWARD 2007

By Mary Angelson

The Eric Cater Award is presented annually to a member in recognition of outstanding contributions to Central Tennis Club.

This year's recipient is a remarkable volunteer. She has gone above and beyond her job description. She always considers the best interests of the club. She warmly welcomes everyone, new and established members and tries to include as many members as possible in her daytime activities. She has made Daytime Round Robins and House League play a joy for the many participants. She is always supportive to her fellow executive members and willingly helps at socials as well as opening and closing events.

Elsa Marco was awarded the Eric Cater Award this year at our 40th Anniversary Party. Congratulations Elsa!

Please remember to sign up for the Daytime Luncheon on Nov. 5 at the Old Mill.

ICTA REPORT

By Margaret James,

Central successfully completed another season of competitive tennis. We fielded nine teams, one junior, four ladies daytime teams and four mixed league evening teams. The Junior team captained by Jessie Green did exceptionally well and placed first in their division. The Ladies A team captained by Christine Tomchak placed 4th. The two Toronto Ladies teams B and C captained by Kathy Lloyd and Connie Dupak both placed in third position in their respective

divisions. The Mixed League A team captained by Dan Petirs placed in fourth position. Our High Park B team captained by Andy Pilacinski placed fourth and the West B team captained by Fred Florence placed 7th. Our C team captained by Liz Stephens placed in first position and was in the playoffs for a chance to play in the first inter division competition held at the Rexall Centre. Unfortunately, they lost to the eventual overall winner.

TOURNAMENTS

By Jim Callan

The Club Championships were held from Sept 3-16 and, as usual, there were many great matches during the two week period.

This year's club champions are;
 Ladies Singles: Nina Bombier
 Men's Singles B: David Harris
 Men's Singles A: Dan Syczak
 Ladies Doubles: Stephanie Booth/Anna Lis
 Men's Doubles: Dan Syczak/Charles Markovich
 Mixed Doubles: Stephanie & Chris Booth

DAYTIME ACTIVITIES

By Elsa Marco, Daytime Director

Another year has passed with a lot of TENNIS and FUN thanks to the good weather and very nice people who come to enjoy the CLUB.

Thanks to all the members who helped with the Mondays Round Robin including John Hasler for being present every Monday at 9AM

Friday morning House League was very well attended. Thanks to all the Captains for the nice work.

Hoping to see you next summer

JUNIOR PROGRAM

By Elena Giudici, Junior Director

My rookie year as Junior Director was very enjoyable, especially meeting so many wonderful and dedicated members of the club. The Juniors at Central are great kids and it was a pleasure getting to know many of them on a first name basis.

It was another successful year for the Junior Program at CTC, with spring, summer and fall clinics at capacity, socials and Club Championships well attended, and a winning Junior Team. Of course, none of this would be possible, or as much fun, if it were not for the leadership of Stan Palmateer. His support and dedication to the Juniors at CTC is unmatched! Stan had a very busy spring session with 8 clinics running on 3 days, filled to capacity involving over 70 Juniors. That's over half of our Juniors involved in lessons! The summer and fall clinics were also very successful.

The Junior Intercounty Team was very busy practicing every Friday with Stan, which led them to a 1st place position in the "Boys A Mid-West" Division.

The Junior Club Championship was exciting as always. The weekend of September 8-9 turned out to be two perfect days for tennis, food, fun and games. Stan kept the Juniors busy with lots of tennis and entertainment. The weekend produced some fine tennis with Marc Beneditti as the

U18 winner (finalist Mohammed Shek-Salah). Lucas Serafini was U15 winner (finalist Alex Karauskas) and Stefano Benedetti was U12 champion (finalist Matthew Reynolds).

The many Socials and Round Robins held throughout the spring, summer and fall were all well attended and always fun. All of which included the incredible contributions of Marisa DeFrancesco and her untiring enthusiasm for the Juniors at CTC.

This program at Central is so successful because of the hard work of Stan Palmateer (although he makes it seem more like play!) and the involvement and enthusiasm of many dedicated Juniors and the support of their parents. It is so great to see such a beautiful sport being enjoyed by so many children who hopefully will continue it throughout their lives!

SOCIAL EVENTS

By Marisa DeFrancesco

In February, the Executive planned the club's social activities for the 2007 season. Since we were celebrating our 40th season, we decided that we would host an extra special Opening Day and continue plans for a 40th anniversary dinner dance party to close the season. Since we knew we would need to financially support both these larger events and since we did not have a social director, we decided to eliminate 2 socials from our regular "social per month" schedule which we started a few years ago. Therefore, we moved our normal Opening Day from mid April to the beginning of May. We did not have a championships dinner at the club in September following the tournament and we instead used those funds for the dinner dance. We also decided to not hold a Closing Social/Round Robin in October. I don't think anyone missed having two less socials and the socials we did have were very well-attended and enjoyed by all.

Social Calendar for 2007:

Saturday, May 5: Opening Day which included a New Members Orientation from 11 am to 3 pm. Event free to members.

Sunday, June 24: Wimbledon Strawberry Social and Round Robin, 10 am – 1 pm. Event free to members.

Sunday, July 15: Mini Tournament – Mixed Doubles Team Competition, 1 pm to 6 pm. This event was rescheduled from July 8 as it rained that day. \$5 per member was charged to cover food, drinks and prizes. This event was limited to 24 and therefore a charge to enter was applied.

Sunday, July 22: Ladies Night, 7 pm to 11 pm. \$5 per member as it was an event not open to all members. Fee covered all food and drinks and prizes.

Sunday, August 12: Men's Night, 7 pm to 11 pm. \$5 per member as it was an event not open to all members. Fee covered all food, drinks and prizes.

Friday, August 24: Round Robin and Social. Event free to members.

Central has a wonderful tradition of eating well and playing well. We also have a wonderful tradition of not charging for events that are open to everyone. Many tennis clubs would charge for each event.

Friday, Sept. 28: 40th Anniversary Dinner Dance & Awards Night at Thorncrest Village. 100 tickets were available at a cost of \$40 each with an additional \$10 per ticket subsidized by the club. 93 tickets were sold.

I think it was a very successful night. There are many thank you's (I hope I don't miss anyone):

- > Tony Caputo and his wife for all the food,
- > Ron Gillis and Stan Palmateer for bar details
- > Mary for being a wonderful MC
- > Maddie for ticket sales
- > Elena and Maddie for decorations with me
- > Elena for greeting members at the door and for the fruit tray
- > Mary and Maddie for the gift bags with cookies
- > Diane and Dawn Angelson for being servers
- > Manuel for the DVD
- > Patty Hebbes for the cake and Tom Hebbes for the buns
- > and a whole bunch of late night partiers for the clean up crew.

Central Tennis Club also supported Stan's 18th annual 24 hour tennis marathon at Mimico Tennis Club on Saturday August 18 to Sunday August 19. They helped keep the party AND Stan going for 24 hours straight and helped raise over \$4000 for The Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Thank you to all who came out and made the socials and the tennis games so great. Thank you to the many, many members who lent a helping hand even without being asked. You all made the year a joy for me. In particular, many heart-felt thanks to Mary Angelson, Madeleine Lavereau, Elena Guidici, Ron Gillis, Stan Palmateer, Tony Caputo, Jim Callan, Bonnie Elms, Anna Lis, Pat Cameron, Jim Redekop, Margaret James, Evita Sanders, Mark Curtis, Corinne DelPiero, and junior members Michael James and Clare Taller for all their labours of love on behalf of the club and our socials!!!!

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED HOUSE LEAGUE

By Evita Sanders

What a summer of Friday night tennis we had, this anniversary year! Only one rain-out and so many members got a chance to play regular friendly competitive tennis at all levels of play! A special thanks to the team captains, Maria Szykowski, Rosalind Deck, Tibor Heim, James Tiessen, Janet Keith, Jane Pitchford-Bartch and Bill Blackburn who made sure the games could go on every Friday.

The winning team was Team 2, captained by Tibor Heim with Tom and Joanne Voltsis, John and Catherine Becker, Elizabeth Morgan, Erika Kazik, Jim Redekop, Marion Habal and Joseph and Orsha O'Toole. Congratulations! In addition to the "winner's certificate", they received a hat or T-shirt with our anniversary logo!

A close runner up was Team 3, captained by Rosalind Deck, with Bill Tracz, Matt Pines, Beverly Diaz, Rick Oaks, Diane Henderson, Trevor Jones, Nevena and Djordje Jancovic, Catherine Hanson-Collela and Kiri Varatharajan. They also received a certificate to commemorate their efforts.

The Friday evening program always fills up very fast and every year we try to offer ten *new* members a space, if you want to be one of the 56 returning players, make sure you send in your activity form with your registration as early as possible next February! We always need substitute players so do sign up!

If you can commit to every Friday over the summer season, think about volunteering to be a captain! Contact us by e-mail at vehl@centraltennisclub.com right away, no need to wait until February 2008!

See you again in 2008!

MEMBERSHIP

By Dan Dupak

The 2008 Registration will be completed electronically via e-mail and a Canada Post mailing.

For those that have e-mail you will receive an e-mail at the beginning of February requesting a response to confirm your desire to register for the 2008 tennis season with the Central Tennis Club. The e-mail will contain your registration information. Responding to the e-mail and confirming your personal information reserves your registration for the 2008 season pending receipt of payment. Unfortunately we are not set up for electronic payment and you will be required to mail in your payment. You will receive a confirmation e-mail in return for both registration and payment.

If you would like to update or ensure that we have your correct current e-mail address please send an e-mail to dandupak@yahoo.ca.

For those that do not have e-mail, a paper registration form will be sent to you through the mail.

We make every effort to ensure that you are informed of registration for the coming season. However, it is your responsibility to register. The final date for registration submissions is February 28th. At that date openings will be backfilled from the waiting list.

MEMBER AT LARGE

By Ron Gillis

This year, my activities centered around helping with the opening of the club in April. I also acted as round robin coordinator, bartender and chef at the various socials and events at central.

I participated in a number of planning meetings centered around the 40th celebration. The project commenced last year when a committee was struck to prepare for the year's events. I was successful in obtaining certificates from our local politicians to recognize the contribution CTC has made to Etobicoke Sports Life.

I have also succeeded in getting CTC listed in this year's Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame 14th Annual Induction Dinner culminating with a full page advertisement as well as a donation of a DVD for their archives.

I will, as usual, assist with the closing of the club on November 3 and welcome new volunteers for this fun morning.

It has been a pleasure working with this year's board and I look forward to the challenges in 2008 with the same enthusiasm and commitment.

FACILITIES

By Dino Raponi

From a facility perspective, 2007 has been both productive and effective.

We have a brand new eastern walkway to the courts, the City fixed the concrete on the east side of the courts, we have a new scoreboard, the City adjusted our eastern gate, and the southern gate was repaired as well. Our outdoor lighting was repaired and we repaired some cracks on court 2. Everything seems to be in good order, for this, I have to thank all of you.

You are all invited to the closing event on Saturday, November 3 (rain date Nov. 4). Please come out and help take down screens and nets and help with general clean up so that we will be ready for another great year of tennis in 2008.