



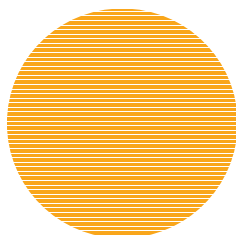
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# Spring Newsletter 2003

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## President's Message

By Marisa DeFrancesco

Welcome to another great season of tennis at Central! The Executive has been busy preparing for a fun and successful season. At our AGM in November 2002 we expressed our gratitude to four members who will no longer be on Executive: Marlene Baily (Member at Large) who has over the years made a huge contribution to the Club in various capacities including being President, Marilyn Clendenan (Secretary), Tom Hebbes (Mixed House League Director), and Joe Szamosi (Facilities Director). Their work and enthusiasm for Central is most appreciated. We welcome, however, four new members to this year's Executive: Peter Apswoode (Mixed

House League Director), Ron Gillis (Facilities Director), Margaret James (Secretary) and Arlene Veitch (Junior Director). Thank you to the many volunteers who have offered their help for this season. We will be in touch with you soon. It's not too late to let us know if you'd like to help out with an event. Please feel free to call anyone on the Executive and we'll get you involved. Whether it's competitive tennis, social tennis, daytime or night-time events, there's lots to enjoy at Central! So put on your shoe tags and check out the calendar of dates for socials, tryouts, teams, round robins, etc. Looking forward to seeing you on Opening Day,

2003 CTC Executive:  
From left to right, Ron Gillis, Arlene Veitch, Marisa DeFrancesco, Barb Oaks, Peter Apswoode, Margaret James, Pat Thompson, Mary Angelson, Anne Marie Smith, Anna Lis, Liz Corneil, Tony Caputo

## What's New at Central?

As you can see from the photo above, we have a **new sign!!** This long-awaited sign finally shows everyone where we are located. Thank you to Ron Gillis for arranging for this sign and to Tony Seselija at Etobicoke Civic Centre for making and installing it on Montgomery.

We are also in the process of developing a **website** and e-mail service for Central as a way of better communicating to you and also as a way of letting interested non-members know about our Club. We will still send out newsletters to you and post relevant notices and

information on the bulletin boards at the Clubhouse but we will soon have a quicker and easier way to communicate with each other. Evita Sanders and her sub-committee are capably handling this project.

In the following pages you will read about our new **Seniors 55+ DAY league**, **monthly themed socials**, a **new mini tournament in July**, and an **improved Women's and Men's Ladder!** We'll also review our terrific tried-and-true events that we annually look forward to enjoying.



## Eric Cater Award Winner 2002 - Liz Corneil

The Annual General Meeting of Central Tennis Club was held on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Montgomery's Inn. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the Eric Cater Award for 2002 to Liz Corneil. This annual award is presented to a member in recognition of outstanding contribution to the club. Liz is a most deserving recipient. In the past

several years, she has not only held the very demanding positions of treasurer and membership secretary but has also been an active participant on Inter-County Teams and assisted in many facets of the club. Liz is often the one quietly working behind the scenes, helping to make things run smoothly. Liz continues to serve on the executive as the Inter-County Teams Association Coordinator. Congratulations, Liz!

Tony Caputo, Past President,  
presenting the Eric Cater  
Award to Liz Corneil

### Clinics (group lessons):

Adults -  
**May** (rainouts in June):  
 Thursdays: 9, 10, or 11 a.m.  
 Sundays: 3, 4, or 5 p.m.

Juniors -  
**May/June:**  
 Mondays: 3:15 or 4:15 p.m.  
 Tues., Thurs.: 4 or 5 p.m.  
**July:**  
 Tuesdays: 4 or 5 p.m.

**September:**  
 Tuesdays: 4 or 5 p.m.

For team clinics, see handbook

## Our Teaching Pro - Stan Palmateer

Of course Stan wants you to learn and develop your tennis skills but he's equally committed to you having fun playing tennis! You will always leave a lesson with new strategies and skills to try and with a smile on your face.

Stan joined Central as our Club Pro in March 1990, offering group, private and semi-private lessons to both adults and juniors. He is the coach for the Junior Team (which won their division last year) and for the various daytime ladies teams as well. Not only does he arrange the round robins at all of the junior social events but he impresses all with his amazing

displays of magic tricks, balloon creations, and barbecuing/culinary expertise. He is a great sounding board for the members of the executive and offers excellent advice on team selection and club development. He also strings racquets and changes grips at extremely reasonable prices!

If you haven't yet signed up for lessons, please call him directly for Adult Clinics or call Arlene Veitch for Junior Clinics. If you have signed up, you will be hearing from them soon to confirm dates and times of lessons.

Stan's the best and we are lucky to have him as our Teaching Pro!

## Daytime Activities

By Barb Oaks - Daytime Director

As the Daytime Director, I coordinate the adult daytime activities from Monday to Friday. I need the help of many people to help make this the best season ever.

**WHAT'S NEW?** A number of members have shown an interest in a seniors inter-club league. This will be held Tuesday mornings in May and June. So far Mimico Tennis Club is interested in playing with us. Arrangements are still being worked out but Rosalind Deck, coordinator, will keep you informed about this activity. Variety is the spice of life!

**FRIDAY MORNING HOUSE LEAGE-** May 2

to June 27: We have lots of members signed up for this league. We are very pleased that Elsa Marco will coordinate this activity again. YEA ELSA! All we need now is 6 captains to volunteer. Please call Elsa at 416 231 3934 or Barb at 416 239 9409.

**FRIDAY MORNINGS** - Sept. 5 to Oct. 3. We will be playing round robins as many members have expressed an interest in playing.

I look forward to seeing you on April 28 for the first **MONDAY MORNING ROUND ROBIN**. It's a good way to get to know other club members and perhaps find some partners for the rest of the week. Everyone helps with these mornings. Call me if you can look after a month.

Stan and the  
Junior Team



## Social Events

By Pat Thompson, Social Director

Our social calendar has expanded this year to include two additional events as well as themes for some of these occasions. There is now an event scheduled for each month of the tennis season - April through to October.

Keep your fingers crossed for a warm, sunny day on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> for our Opening Day event - "Spring is in the Air". It is a great opportunity to meet new members, to renew friendships, to enjoy some great food, and to brush up on your outdoor tennis skills.

Schedule for the Season:

Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. - 1p.m.:  
**"Spring is in the Air" Opening Day**

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 p.m.:  
**New Member Orientation**

Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.:  
**"International Night" Social and RR**

Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.:  
**"Longest Day of the Year" Social & RR**

Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.:  
**"Mini Tournament" (Sign up required)**

Friday, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.:  
**"Tennis and All That Jazz" Social & RR**

Sunday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.:  
**Club Tournament Awards Dinner**

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.:  
**Club Closing Social and Round Robin**

Be sure to mark your calendars with these dates. Each event will be well advertised in the clubhouse and more details will be available closer to the date. Check for rain dates in your club handbook.

Many thanks to all of you who signed up as volunteers for the social events. I will be contacting you over the next few weeks to get a sense of when and how you would like to help. If you haven't signed up, it's not too late to do so. Please contact me at 416 233 4869. See you on the courts or should I say in the kitchen!

## Membership Update

By Anne Marie Smith, Membership

**Welcome to our returning and to our new members!** We are still accepting renewals and new memberships but we are quickly approaching full membership. Keep in mind that the OTA runs a program called "Tennis is Hot, Tennis is Cool" where you are entitled to prizes for assisting in signing up a new member. Application forms will be available in the Clubhouse. New members: Don't forget about your Orientation Day on May 4<sup>th</sup>!

## Mixed Handicap Tournament

By Anna Lis, Tournament Director

This is a great way to start the season. The tournament is played during May and June. Your partner will be assigned in an attempt to balance the teams. Very strong players are matched with weaker ones. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other club members in a social yet competitive format. Last year we had 64 members participating in the tournament! The deadline to sign up is May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please call me at 416 232 2420 to join in!

## Men's and Women's Ladders

Coordinator: Chris Heer

Last year we tried a men's and women's ladders event for the first time in a long time. It didn't quite take off but this year we have an enthusiastic volunteer who wants to revamp the event and promote it. Chris Heer will be posting sign ups sheets and instructions in the clubhouse and we know that it will be a lot of fun and a great success. It's a great way to get in good quality singles play and meet new members. Please have a look for these sign up sheets on one of the bulletin boards in the clubhouse. And thank you, Chris!

**Suggestions!** We're always looking for ways to improve and so you will find a suggestion box in the clubhouse . . . or give us a call!!



We have many winners at our tournaments!





## Juniors Events

By Arlene Veitch, Junior Director

**The Junior Program at Central Tennis Club is one big PARTY!**

**P**articipate in our Club Opening on Saturday, April 26, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. It's *wild* T-Shirt Opening Day! So dig out your craziest T-shirt and wear it to the Opening. Prize for the craziest T-shirt of the day! There will be lots of round robin play with prizes and refreshments, and a pizza party at the end. No registration or cost is involved.

**A**ttend the clinics that start the week of May 5<sup>th</sup>, for those who have registered and paid. For those on a waiting list, I will let you know by May 1<sup>st</sup> if you have a spot in the group, and if not, your cheque will be returned to you. Keep in mind there are still some openings for our Summer and Fall clinics (Tuesdays in July and September).

Court One is not used for clinics and is available for games. Juniors are given priority booking Mondays-Fridays 4-6.

**R**ound Robins! We've got one for you! Play with friends! Play with family! House league starts on Wed. May 7<sup>th</sup>. For the month of May, the "under 12's" will play at 4 p.m., "the under 17's" at 5 p.m. When you arrive, you will be assigned a foursome and a court. Bring a water bottle and a hat; balls will be provided. Prizes will be awarded at the end of June. Depending on your results in May, your time slot may change for June. Pre-registration was required, but please call if you are now interested. April 26<sup>th</sup> is the opening Round Robin, with a family round robin on May 25<sup>th</sup>, and the NEW Junior/Parent round robin set for September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Team tennis is a lot of fun and is competitive. Come to the tryouts on Friday, April 11 and April 25, 4-6 p.m. Inter-county matches begin on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The team plays away alternating Saturdays (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

**Y**ou! Your participation makes the Junior Program fun. Come down and participate in some or all of our activities. It's a great way to have fun and meet new friends.

If there are any questions about the Junior program, please e-mail me at family.veitch@sympatico.ca or call me at 416 236 7882. See you on April 26!

## Inter-County Teams and Toronto Ladies Tennis

By Liz Corneil, ICTA Coordinator

Are you interested in TEAM PLAY? Central has lots of choices! Tuesday and Thursday evenings offer mixed play at the B and C levels. Wednesday mornings offer A, B, and C levels of play for women. Tryouts are held early to mid April. If you signed up, you will be called about the tryouts or check your handbook for the exact dates. It's not too late to get your name on the list. Call if you are interested @ 416 231 4365.

## Facilities Report

By Ron Gillis, Facilities Director

We're hoping for lots of warm weather so that the posts can go in the ground and nets can go up on April 5<sup>th</sup>. We'll be having a "Come on Down and Help!" event that morning with hot coffee and goodies for all! Thank you to the members who have volunteered their time for that day. Windscreens will also need to be installed so the more the merrier.

Once the season officially starts, please remember to keep the courts and clubhouse tidy and safe i.e. tennis can lids and other garbage need to be put into garbage containers. We do need everyone to help and take out garbage!! Thank you to Bonnie Elms and her team for offering to take care of the Clubhouse (again!) and getting it ready for Opening Day!

## Friday Night Mixed H/L

By Peter Apswoude, Mixed H/L Director

This program is one of our most popular evening activities. Team captains and schedules are being finalized. If you have signed up, you will soon be called with your date and time of play. Remember you will be playing every other Friday at 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. or 9:15 p.m. It all starts May 2!

Thanks, M.C.!!

"Tropical" Opening Day 2002



Halloween Closing 2002

