

NEWSLETTER

November 2021



MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Ron Durham, President

I started playing tennis in high school, a long time ago. We lived in Ontario and my tennis buddies and I travelled to watch the Canadian Open where we watched Rod Laver in his last few years and Bjorn Borg in his break-out years. Borg was (and still is) my tennis hero.

I first played at the RDTC in 1979. Took a long break with family and work priorities and returned to the game when the bubble arrived. Tennis is a big part of life for Donna and I. Great for fitness and fun. Really enjoy being part of this tennis group.

Ron





BOARD UPDATE

I am very happy to provide our club with an update from the Board. Please know that the Board has committed to continue with updates in each newsletter. I'll start by sharing who your board members are. Following the club by-laws, all board members were elected / re-elected at the September AGM. At the following October Board meeting, the Directors elected the Officers - President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. So, the Board for the 2021-2022 year consists of:

President - Ron Durham

Vice President and President Elect - Greg Young

Treasurer - George Reid

Secretary - Peter Clemens

Immediate Past President - Mark Jones

Director - Mary Gardiner

Director - Evan Hardy

Director - Lauren Harder

Director - Narda Playfair

Director - Ian Hector

Director - Alf Poppen

Director - Darrell Nichols

On behalf of the Club, I would like to recognize the tremendous contributions of Mark Jones. With Mark at the helm for over 10 years, we now have a bubble for indoor tennis, we have transitioned from a summer club to a year round operation, and we have navigated through very uncertain times created by the COVID pandemic. I am also grateful for Mark's continued engagement with and support for the Board. Thanks Mark!



The previous Board had a couple of important actions underway that will continue. One was to address club health, wellness and safety improvements; the other was to develop and action a comprehensive Marketing Plan. Both items are still in progress and we will start to share plans and actions with club members as they progress further. Feel free to talk to any Board member if you would like to know more.

The Board also approved a motion to support holding two Tennis Alberta junior tournaments, one in January and one in February. A final review will be made after contacting Tennis Alberta for further information. Our immediate challenge is to recruit a new Tournament Director to lead at least the tournaments contemplated for January and February. Lyle Jacobson has indicated that he will step aside as Tournament Director effective the end of this year. He has filled this role admirably for our club for the past 5 years! On behalf of the Club, I would like to recognize Lyle for his support for the club and for the development of Junior players across Alberta in that role. Thanks Lyle! If you are interested in taking on the Tournament Director role, please contact Lyle.

I believe that over the next few months, the Board will identify, communicate and action additional priorities. Stay tuned.

Please do contact me at the courts or by text / phone (403 318-9167) just to say 'hi', or if you have improvement ideas you wish to share. I look forward to the next year in working with club members and the Board.

Ron Durham

HELLO FROM SPAIN

Nick Sr. sent this update from Spain where Nicolas is training at the David Ferrer Training Centre.

Nick Sr. wrote, "I brought my racquet hoping I can play with Nicolas but haven't played yet! Nicolas starts training at 7:45 am and finishes somewhere around 11:15. He has to take cool baths in the pool to help his muscles recover faster. He is like a sponge! Absorbing a lot and giving back more. He comes off the court with a big smile on his face and is getting lots of attention from his coaches."



MIXED DOUBLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (September 24-26)

Congratulations to winners and players!

Club Champions: Twila & Ben



Karen & Ian



Lynn & Larry



Jean Anne & Darrell



Consolation Winners:

Brad & Aleena



Larry & Narda



John & Barb



Cheryl & Dick



Round Robin Winners:

Crystal & Danny



Mary & Paul



Alf & Deidre



Heidi & Leo



JUNIOR NEWS

There is a great picture of our junior player Issac on the Tennis Alberta webpage under the tab 2021-2022 INDOOR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE. Check it out!

See LINKS below for a link to the Tennis Alberta site.

MORNING DROP-IN SUMMER WINDUP (September 22 & 24)



There was an excellent turnout for this mixed doubles "pop-up" tournament, where fun was had by all. Narda reported they had new people joining right up to the starting time so there was some reorganizing of teams at the last minute. As a result of the reorganizing they decided to ***"declare everyone a winner!"***

Players commented they would like to see a similar tournament held in the winter season.

A new drop-in player from outside of Red Deer emailed, ***"Thank you for allowing me to play with your club at the drop-in tournament. I very much enjoyed your club experience."***

Thanks to Narda Playfair & Karen Cahill for organizing this tournament!

HALLOWEEN FUN!



This mystery person dressed up as the
Tennis Bubble wall.

Wonder if it gave him an **ADVANTAGE!**



Our mystery person is Arnie.

OUTDOOR COURTS WORK BEE (October 30th)

Thanks to the volunteers and club staff who helped roll up net screens and take down the tennis nets to end the summer season. There was a total of 25 workers and all tasks were completed in record time.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have a:

- Suggestion
- Question
- Commendation

Fill out a Feedback Form and place it in the
Suggestion Box in the Clubhouse.

All Feedback Forms are reviewed by the Board



LINKS

Tennis Alberta: <http://tennisalberta.com/>

Tennis Alberta Volley Newsletter: <https://tennisalberta.com/volley-newsletter/>

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