

President's Message

Welcome everyone to the best time of year at Davisville. Why is it the best time of year? Well ... for many reasons.

1. The courts are resurfaced and looking great. We have had a lot of positive feedback with people saying they love the colour, and that the playability has improved. We even understand that our local neighbours feel that their property values have gone up! (anything we can do to help!). With the new courts come different challenges though. Keeping them clean is a constant battle and so we have put mats down by all of the entrances to get rid of any marking stones or what have you that might be stuck to your shoes. The courts are a lot "stickier" now than before too and so you skid less and grab more. Proper foot attire is more important than ever to prevent twisted ankles and falls. Lets be careful out there.

If you are ever by the courts and see people using them for purposes other than tennis please let the club know. We don't have control over the courts during the day, but we can make sure that the City knows if people are abusing our facilities. Roller bladers, people looking to 'run' their dogs in the courts, soccer players, cyclists ... they all love our new courts too. Our courts and investment will last longer if these people admire from a distance.

2. The weather is co-operating (for the most part) and there many wonderful days and nights to spend playing tennis and getting to know your fellow members. Be sure to wear proper sunscreen and keep hydrated. DTC offers coffee, water and juice as a benefit to it's members but also to make

sure that you remain well while you are at the club.

With better weather comes higher demand for court time. Please make sure that you respect all members right to that court time. Missing a 40 minute time slot is much less important than running someone down in order to get it. And, while we are on the subject of etiquette there are a couple of things that you can do to make everyone's experience - including your own better at Davisville.

(a) When returning a ball in to another court, please take a look and wait until their play is finished. Simply swatting a ball back to the direction where it came from is dangerous.

(b) When coming on to and leaving court (especially through the court 3 door), please wait for a break in the play and then hurry past the people playing.

3. Everything else. There is a lot in this newsletter. Davisville Cup information; Discounts on tickets to the Tennis Masters Series; Tournament information; Social Events; Charity events; Coaching tips ... there is something for everyone here.

As always, we would like to thank the volunteers that help out at Davisville. With their time and your participation, we have a great tennis club.

See you on the courts,

- Stuart

Upcoming Events...

Pub Night - June 30, 9PM

Play some tennis and come out for a beer or 3 at The Bow and Arrow Pub, 1954 Yonge Street-North of Davisville. The week is half over-it's a reason to celebrate!

Davisville Cup - July 10

Sign-ups for this annual classic 'team competition' are now up in the clubhouse. Team competition, food, prizes, fun round robins, T-Shirts and more. \$15. This is an all day event!

Tennis Masters @ Rexall Centre July 27

Tickets are \$20 each. If you are interested, please send an email to social@davisvilletennisclub.com by July 15.

House League - Saturdays 6-8PM

Doubles play-with people of all levels. We try and match you as best we can with people of your ranking. Everyone gets at least 2 x 30 min. sessions; however, sometimes you can play for the 2 full hours! There is no need to RSVP, just show up around 5:45pm to get your name in and away you GO! Afterwards, we usually enjoy a drink or two or grab a bite to eat somewhere in the neighborhood.

Tennis-a-thon

This year we are going to try and be philanthropic and raise some money for a Cancer Camp for Kids. Details to be announced. Check the club or your weekly updates for more information.

- Kim

DTC discount at the Tennis Masters Series

Anyone ordering a ticket or tickets to see the pros at the tennis master's series is entitled to a discount on most seating when they say that they area member of Davisville. This discount ranges from 10 to 25% depending on the seat and the night/day.

Player Development

Well, as of this writing, the weather has not been cooperating fully. In spite of that, the Club has been filled with avid tennis players, new and old members alike, and this is what makes a tennis club tick.

Oh, yes, of course, some members get a little impatient when they have to wait a little while longer for the next game, but hey, better busy than empty, huh! I've driven around the City and have seen many tennis courts, but, boy oh boy, don't they ever look desolate and crying for players ... such a pity.

While waiting for the next game, folks, talk to people, socialize ... you'll never know what you might discover or experience. How about a good joke that would set you rolling on the ground, a little trivia that enhances your worldly knowledge, or some interesting tidbits about your favourite sport (next to tennis) or your favourite singer or even your tennis buddies (all good, of course) to keep you occupied.

To our old Members (no reference to age) ...

How about helping our new members get acquainted with other DTC members. It's lonely out there when you're new to any kind of environment ... remember?

As well, do help our new members get familiar with our Club's policies, rules, regulations, tennis etiquette, and events. You know what it was like when you were new to the Club ... it was quite **intimidating** because you were a little **timid** then (get it, get it?).

Not only will it be constructive and beneficial for everyone, it will also prevent a lot of frustration and annoyance caused by misunderstandings and "ignorance of the law".

To be kept updated on club happenings, send an email to davisvilletennisclub-subscribe@yahoo.com or visit our website and click on What's New

To our new Members ...

Don't be afraid to ask the Court Stewards or even the old members for directions or explanations of anything relating to our Club that you're not sure of. They don't bite, promise!

Ratings, ah, yes, ratings. Get your ratings as early as possible, so that you are almost always assured of a game when you tag up. Why? ... you ask. If your rating is known, then members at your level will not hesitate to tag up with you and vice-versa.

Lastly (for now), my dear tennis colleagues, I wish to remind you that we have the "Singles" Tennis Ladder (married or not) which allows you to play competitive singles matches even during "Doubles Only" times, so sign up soon ... it's not too late. Our Head Court Steward, Simon Elliot, is coordinating this venue, and he will be happy to take you in and explain the ladder rules.

See you at the courts !!!

- Perla

Membership

As of June 14, our club has 417 members, 233 returning and 173 new. Compared to 420, last year's total membership, we are in very good shape. New courts and the summer season will definitely bring more members...

- Alireza

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Control Tips From Our Pro...

This tip is simple, but many players forget how important it can be. Before you attempt to defeat your opponent by overpowering her/him, you must first establish control of the ball. Make certain that you work your way into a match. Groove your strokes before you turn on the heat.

Stroke priorities:

1. Get the ball over
2. Get the ball deep

Establish an ability to control the direction of the ball.

Establish the ability to control spin.

Hit with power.

Your "control" priorities should be as follows:

Control yourself.

Control the ball.

Control your half of the court.

Control the point.

Control your opponent.

- Chris

Davisville Tournament Dates

Jul 10	Davisville Cup
Jul 12-18	Mixed doubles : A, B, C
Aug 2 - 8	Mens A Singles Womens B singles Women's C Doubles
Aug 9-15	Women's A Singles Mens B Singles Mens C Doubles
Aug 23-29	Men's A and B Doubles Men's C Singles
Sep 6-12	Womens A & B Doubles Womens C singles
Sep 13-19	Mens and Womens Masters