

# Topspin

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**DTC President -  
Stuart Teather**

## President's Message

Welcome back everyone! I know that it doesn't feel like it yet, but spring is just around the corner. With that comes another wonderful season at Davisville. We hope to see all of you at the courts on Opening Day in good health and for many days after that as the evenings become longer, warmer and your circle of tennis friends grows ever wider.

Davisville strives to be the best tennis club in the city. We do this with quality

programming, good facilities, friendly staff and a good mix of both 'tried and true' and 'new and exciting'. We hope that this turns out to be the perfect mix for you as you experience all that we have to offer.

DTC has built a solid reputation by offering more than just tennis. An active social life comes from interacting with 499 other members that congregate with a common goal - to have fun. Whether you are new to the sport or a

virtual professional, we provide the perfect venue for you to realize your goals.

We plan to have nets up by April 1 for all of you keeners. Preparation Day (a good day to **volunteer**) will be April 14 - weather permitting. If you can give us a hand, you know that we appreciate it.

Have a great couple of months,

Stuart

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## Coach's Corner

### Doubles Tip for Positioning - Drift with the ball By Club Pro Chris Field

If the ball is hit with an angle in doubles, a simple way of figuring where to go is to 'drift' in the direction of the ball. If the ball is hit right, go right. If it is hit to the left, go left.

Since the doubles court is 36 feet wide, try to think of the court as 3 equal parts (1/3 1/3 1/3) - 12 feet in each section. If the ball is hit to one of the outer thirds that sector becomes the 'ball 1/3'. Players then know that they both must drift with the ball so that one partner covers the 'ball 1/3' on their side and the other partner covers the middle 1/3. This takes away all the easy shots and will place your team in the middle of their return angle, leaving them with only the hardest of shots to hit.

Making life difficult for your opponents is as simple as drifting with the ball.



To book a private, semi-private, or group lesson with Chris, call him at 416-826-4906 or email [clubpro@davisvilletennisclub.com](mailto:clubpro@davisvilletennisclub.com)

## Winter Tennis...

Continues to be extremely popular at DTC as participation reaches record numbers. Three more sessions before we move outdoors—join the excitement before winter is over!

- March 3  
Mayfair West
- March 17  
Mayfair West
- April 7  
Mayfair Lakeshore

*We need your updated email address, because we want to be able to communicate with you regularly..and rapidly!*

*DTC is run by volunteers. They do everything from planning your socials to running tournaments, to folding newsletters, to umpiring matches. Come and join the team - it's you that makes this the best club in the city!*



More tennis balls, keen to be used and abused at DTC this summer

## Membership - Time to Register!

Membership is **now open** for the 2007 season. Enclosed in this newsletter is the application form for 2007. Please fill it out and mail it to us along with a cheque or...

Register online! This ensures that we receive your form, that your information is accurate, and that the 2007 Directory is sent out again this year in a timely fashion. You will receive an automated response to acknowledge your submission. Your membership will be accepted once payment is received. When the process is complete, you will receive registration confirmation ... by email where possible. Returning members have until **April 7** to guarantee your spot with us this year. After that

time, new members will be accepted and your position will not be guaranteed. We don't want you to miss out, and so sign up now! There are 500 spots available.

### How to Pay - New!

1. By Cheque and mail it in.
2. By EMT

What the heck is that? An Electronic Money Transfer. If you use online banking, and mailing a cheque is inconvenient, then visit our website for the details.

We are offering EMT for some of our larger and more structured events this year including membership, group lessons, and the Year End Party. We

hope you enjoy the added flexibility and convenience.

### New Members

New members are welcome, and can register online or by sending in an application form. New members will be accepted **after** April 7. Applications and cheques received before that date will be held in sequence. 'EMT's cannot be held for more than 30 days. New members paying by EMT before March 10 will have the money withdrawn from their accounts and then returned to them (in full) if membership positions are not available on April 7. New members will be accepted in order of receipt of information and payment.

## Re-Ratings: It's All About Good Tennis

At the Annual General Meeting last September concern was expressed by several members about club ratings and what could be done to ensure consistent application of rating standards. While the board continues to look for positive solutions, the following initiatives have been approved and will be undertaken in 2007.

1. A higher level of play will be expected to rise to a new level
2. More quantifiable results will be measured during re-rating sessions
3. A committee of no less than three members of the club (including the player development director) will view all re-rating sessions

It is our hope that these ideas will help to improve our current rating structure. If you would like to be part of this committee please email [playerdevelopment@davisvilletennisclub.com](mailto:playerdevelopment@davisvilletennisclub.com) to find out more.

## Intercounty Team Tryouts

Davisville has two teams that play in the Intercounty Tennis Association against other neighbouring clubs. The teams are at the A (generally 5.0's and above) and B (4.5 and below) level. The A team plays on Thursday nights and the B team on Tuesdays throughout the summer.

If you are interested in trying out for the team this year, tryout dates are as follows from 7 pm

to 10 pm:

- Thursday April 26 – A Team
- Tuesday May 1 – B Team
- Thursday May 3 – A&B Teams
- Tuesday May 8 – reserve date (if needed)
- Thursday May 10 – reserve date (if needed)

Please note there is a \$10 tryout fee.

## Rate Increase

For the first time in nearly 15 years, membership rates are increasing. We have done a complete review of our current and projected financial position through 2016. The old rate structure does not allow us to confidently meet our targets for the coming years. A modest cost increase is appropriate

at this time to ensure we can effectively operate the club during this period and build our reserves to address resurfacing and other major expenses as they arise. The price increase is \$10 on new and returning adult memberships and \$5 on new Jr. Memberships.



These tennis balls are lonely. Register today and give them something to do this summer.!

## The Ziggy Holler Award

At the year end banquet this past year, we were asked by a member who Ziggy Holler was. Our 'Volunteer of the Year' award is named after Ziggy and I thought it was only fitting that I find out and share that information with all of you. To do this, we were happy to turn to a lifetime member – Gabriella Alphonso. She gave us the following information: Ziggy Holler was a member in the early 90's. He joined DTC later in life never having played the game before and soon found

that it was his passion. He could be found either sitting on the hill waiting to play or on court socializing, competing and trying to improve. While never on the board, he was very much involved for a number of years and was always offering and willing to help. He quickly became well known and loved for his great personality and his attachment to both the club and the game he enjoyed. He was a fixture at the club and all social events. Ziggy passed away suddenly

after being with the club for only 3 years. He was greatly missed by all who knew him. As a way of remembering his great spirit and volunteering nature, the executive of the time decided that it would be fitting for the Volunteer of the Year award to take his name. With his families' permission, this was done. Since that time, the club has honoured his memory with the presentation of the trophy that embodied all that he did and the volunteer spirit that he brought to DTC. ~ Stuart

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### *Opening Day - April 21!*

We can't wait, and so we are going to open a week earlier this year! This day will be your first chance to come to the club, meet new members, sign up for Group Lessons, join in on the round robin, tag up, enjoy the first barbeque of the season and get ready for our annual Opening Day Party. We would love to see you all come out on opening day and join us for the festivities.

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## Increased Web Use

We continue to work on the website and offer our members more flexibility and convenience through it. This winter,

we allowed people to sign up for Winter Tennis through the site. This summer, we will use the website for both House

League sign up, and Tournament sign up and perhaps more.

## Social Life

Get ready members ... 2007 is going to be great year at DTC!

Opening Day will be a wonderful event and a great day to kick off the year right. Opening Evening will be even better with a PARTY in the evening. We hope that all members - new and returning - will come out and celebrate with us. Davisville is all about

the party. Let's prove that on the 21st.

The plan for the season is to get people involved early with lots of 'at the court events', barbeques, social round robins, house league with a difference and a very positive, fun and inclusive atmosphere. Membership this year will include a free ticket to the DTC Bash! EVERYONE comes to this one!

Year end party and award ceremony?... yes, we will have one ... but I am not giving away everything now!

This is going to be a memorable, fun-filled season. If you want to be involved, contact me. We are always looking for people to join in and add to the good times.

Claudia  
socials@davisvilletennisclub.com



More Year End revellers!  
Julie, Lori, and Leila

# Teams & Tournaments

I hope you are all getting excited for the coming season! I know I am.

If you take a quick look at the calendar, you will notice that we have made changes to the order of the tournaments this year. These changes were made to put more emphasis on the singles tournaments which will now all run at the end of the year.

For the first time ever, we will be having a team tennis tournament for all levels to start off the tournament year. It was a success this last fall with sleet and hail. We thought we would try it this year without!

Because we are opening up earlier this year, this gives us more time to have our tryouts and pick our intercounty teams. As a result, all tryouts will be at Davisville on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We hope to see many people trying out to help keep our teams strong.

I hope to see you all soon,

Lori  
teamsandtournaments@davisvilletennisclub.com

## 2007 Event Calendar

April 14	Preparation Day	June 1-3	World Team Tennis
April 21	Opening Day & Party	June 9	House League (6—9 pm)
April 26	A Team Tryout # 1	June 10	Fun Round Robin (10 am - 12 pm)
April 28	Fun Round Robin (10 am - 12 pm)	June 16	DTC BASH!
May 1	B Team Tryout # 1 / Ladder Starts	June 18-24	<i>Men's A, Women's B &amp; C Doubles Tournaments</i>
May 3	A/B Team Tryout #2	July 3-8	<i>Women's A, Men's B &amp; C Doubles Tournaments</i>
May 5	House League (6—9 pm)	July 14	House League (6—9 pm)
May 6	Fun Round Robin (10 am - 12 pm)	July 16-22	<i>Mixed A, B, C Doubles Tournaments</i>
May 8	Team Tryout # 3 (If Needed)	July 28	DAVISVILLE CUP
May 10	Team Tryout # 4 (If Needed)	July 30-August 5	<i>Women's A, Men's B &amp; C Singles Tournaments</i>
May 12	House League (6—9 pm)	August 13-19	Rogers Cup, Rexall Centre
May 13	Fun Round Robin (10 am - 12 pm)	August 19	House League (6—9 pm)
May 23	OTA Doubles Clinic for 2.5-3.5s	August 20-26	<i>Men's A, Women's B &amp; C Singles Tournaments</i>
May 26	House League (6—9 pm)	September 10-16	<i>Masters Men's &amp; Women's Tournaments</i>
May 27	Fun Round Robin	September 24	DTC Annual General Meeting (Courts closed at 7 pm)
May 30	OTA Doubles Clinic for 4.0+	September 30	Closing Day



## Now Hiring

We are looking for energetic, outgoing people to join our Court Steward team this year. Limited positions are available. Some advantages of the position are:

- Free membership
- Work outdoors

- Friendly members
- Competitive pay

If you know someone that might be interested, please contact Henry at [vicepresident@davisvilletennisclub.com](mailto:vicepresident@davisvilletennisclub.com)

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