

**D.A.R.A. TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER 2015**

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**WELCOME TO THE 2015 TENNIS SEASON**

Enclosed is your Membership Application Form. Please complete and return it as soon as possible to: **DARA Tennis Club, c/o 906-20 Driveway, Ottawa ON K2P 1C8, or drop in the mail slot on the west door of the Clubhouse.** Your tags will be mailed to you or posted on the notice board once the season is underway.

**MEMBERSHIPS** come into effect **May 1**. All members should be wearing their new tags by that date.

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** If you would like to be contacted by e-mail, please include your e-mail address on the enclosed application form (**please print clearly!**). This will considerably reduce our mailing costs which have been escalating each year.

**CLUB EXECUTIVE:**

President: Michael Darwood	613-729-9563
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**Ladies League:** Dolce Little 613-523-1815 [dolcelittle@mac.com](mailto:dolcelittle@mac.com)

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**Mixed Singles Ladder:** Cesarea Novielli 613-868-2490 [cesarea\\_novielli@yahoo.com](mailto:cesarea_novielli@yahoo.com) and Adriana Zeleney 613-237-5871 [adrianazeleney@yahoo.com](mailto:adrianazeleney@yahoo.com).

**Club Tournament:** (To be determined)

**Lessons:** James Ferguson 613-722-5429 [jamesjferguson@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesjferguson@hotmail.com)

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Members,

### **WELCOME BACK**

I am looking forward to the 2015 season and hope you will all be returning for another summer of recreational and competitive tennis. Our membership last season was about 180, which seemed about right for filling the courts, given that our play times are distributed over mornings, and evenings and weekends.

Commissioning of the new shed has allowed us to move most of our junk out of the clubhouse; we still have some work to do to clean out non-essential cabinets from the kitchen. I hope to assemble one or two work parties to attack this job and do a spring clean up of the courts. The Executive will send out a request for volunteers for these projects when we see how the weather is shaping up.

### **LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS**

We did not participate in the National Capital Senior Men's Tennis League (NCSMTL) last year because I could not find enough interested players to field a team. The league would still welcome our participation, if we can recruit sufficient players, fifty-five and over, to reliably field a team (at least six, in my opinion). If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible, so that I can approach the League with a view to again fielding a team. As of last year, the Senior and Supersenior divisions have been rolled into one.

The Mixed Singles Ladder will again be played this year, ably organized by Cesarea Novielli and Adriana Zeleney.

### **SOCIAL**

Cesarea Novielli has volunteered to be social convenor this year. She will be helped by Pam Shaw and Barbara Stokes.

### **COURT REPAIRS**

Little progress was made on repairing cracks on our courts in 2014. Our court contractor invited Danny and I to observe a new method of repair in progress at the St James Tennis Club. This method uses a number of thin layers of fibreglass to cover filled cracks and appears to work well. We will check again in the spring to see how the repair survived the winter. If we proceed with this method the courts will have to be closed for a few days, when the weather is good.

### **HOUSEKEEPING**

Please remember that, other than bi-weekly cleaning, our club is run entirely by volunteers. Your cooperation in keeping facilities clean and tidy is essential. Leaving old balls and can lids on the courts and practice areas is one habit which causes eyesores and can be dangerous.

Enjoy the rest of the winter and we look forward to seeing you back on the courts soon.

**Mike Darwood**

### **APRIL OPEN COURTS:**

To encourage new members to join, we will once again waive membership and guest fees for the month of April (weather permitting!!), so please feel free to invite your friends for some spring tennis. Court and clubhouse lock combinations remain the same as last year until May 1st.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

Throughout the season we have several events where the focus is on meeting club members and having fun. You will be notified by e-mail ahead of each event, notices will also be posted in the clubhouse. Keep an eye out for updates or any other changes. We are planning on a great summer. Here are a few dates for you to mark on your calendars:

In anticipation of the French Open, join us **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** for Baguettes and *Raquettes*.

WimbleDara Doubles Cup **Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** with tea and scones.

The Roger's Us Challenge **Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

And to close another season at DARA the Mr. Davis Dara Invitational **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** where you can show your colours and enjoy an international potluck.

Please contact Cesarea Novielli at 613-868-2490 or [cesarea\\_novielli@yahoo.ca](mailto:cesarea_novielli@yahoo.ca) with any questions.

## **WEEKLY EVENTS**

Weekday mornings – 8:00 a.m. – Noon - Mixed doubles (open to all)

Monday afternoons – 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 – Men's doubles (open to all) and Team practice

Tuesday afternoons – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 - Ladies doubles (open to all) and Team practice

\*Some Wednesday mornings (tentative) – 10:00 a.m. – Noon – Men's Seniors League play

\*Some Thursday mornings – 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Ladies doubles League play

Friday evening – 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. - Mixed doubles, Court 1 only (open to all)

Week-ends – 8.00 a.m. - Noon – Mixed doubles (open to all)

\* Specific dates for these events will be posted in the clubhouse – two courts will be in use.

## **CLUB TOURNAMENT**

### **Congratulations to the 2014 MAIN ROUND winners and runners-up:**

- Mens singles – Christian Cajocarú runner-up Andrew Rowe
- Womens singles – Odilia Maessen runner-up Cesarea Novielli
- Mens doubles – James Ferguson and Bob Ferguson runners-up Christian Cajocarú and Andrew Rowe
- Womens doubles – Solanges Cote and Jane Horner runners-up Odilia Maessen and Pam Shaw
- Mixed doubles – Pam Shaw and Tim Birch-Jones runners-up Odilia Maessen and Danny Finch

### **and CONSOLATION ROUND winners and runners-up:**

- Mens singles- Tim Birch-Jones runner-up Dan Donovan
- Mens doubles – Mathieu Comeau and Taran Wasson – Runners-up Cameron and Garry Mohr

Many thanks to Rosemary Addison who looked after registration and scheduling, to Bert Titcomb for providing the tennis balls, and to Sylvia and Mike Darwood who made sure that no one went hungry (or thirsty) by providing refreshments throughout the day.

**LEAGUES:** The Club will continue with the Ladies Doubles League on Thursday mornings. For information call Dolce Little 613-523-1815, [dolcelittle@mac.com](mailto:dolcelittle@mac.com).. Participation in the Men's Seniors League is still tentative, see Message from the President.

## **MIXED SINGLES LADDER:**

**Congratulations to Sheldon Dattenberger and Tatyana Klokotzky, the 2014 Ladder winners.**

For those interested in playing some fun singles matches, the tennis ladder is for you. Ladder participants are matched against those of similar ability level. Participants schedule approximately four matches per month. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of trophies, prizes, food, and beverages, etc. Please contact. Cesarea Novielli at 613-868-2490 [cesarea\\_novielli@yahoo.com](mailto:cesarea_novielli@yahoo.com) or Adriana Zeleney at 613-237-5871 [adrianazeleney@yahoo.com](mailto:adrianazeleney@yahoo.com)

We would please ask that you send in your completed membership form and the ladder fee as soon as possible to allow us to launch the DARA ladder 2015 on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**LESSONS:** Individual tennis lessons are available at a nominal fee of \$15.00 for 30 minutes, \$25.00 per hour or semi-private/group lessons for \$30 per hour. Please contact James Ferguson (Tennis Canada/OTA Certified Instructor) by telephone 613-722-5429 or e-mail: [jamesjferguson@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesjferguson@hotmail.com)

## **GUEST POLICY:**

**Guest fees: \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for juniors (15 and under), per day, per person.**

Members will be expected to pay a member of the Executive or deposit the fee in the Guest Fee Box in the clubhouse. No one will be allowed to play as a guest unless accompanied by a club member. Each guest is limited to three playing visits, however, should the guest decide to join the club during the year in which he/she played as a guest, guest fees may be applied to the membership fee for the balance of the year in question.

## **NOTICE TO EVENING PLAYERS:**

Court reservation instructions are posted in the clubhouse. Please observe them. If any ambiguity exists as to starting times or next available court, COURTESY and CIVILITY should resolve the issue. You also have a special responsibility, under the honour system of unsupervised play, if you are the last person to leave the Club, to ensure that:

- 1) the court lights are turned off;
- 2) the gates and clubhouse are locked, and
- 3) the \$5.00 guest fee is paid by you or your guest (box on desk by kitchen door)

**MEMBER DISCOUNT:** Tommy & Lefebvre have been bought out by Sporting Life. In the past they and Kunststadt Sports have provided DARA members with 10% to 15% off regularly-priced merchandise and stringing. We are in the process of determining whether these discounts will again be offered this year. We will advise you of their decision at a later date.

**SEASON OPENING:** Weather permitting, the nets will be in place and the club will be open for the season sometime in April.

**LOCK COMBINATION ON GATES & CLUBHOUSE:** You will be advised of the new lock combinations when you receive your shoe tag.

**WEBSITE:** We have a new website. Check it out at: [www.daratennis.ca](http://www.daratennis.ca) A huge thank you to Gary Dunmore for setting it up.