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Singles champions: Lori Liggesmeyer, Ladies B; Rob Husain, Men's A; Spencer MacNaughton, Men's B; Anne Churchill-Smith, finalist and Olive Spence, champion-Ladies A.

Year-end Formal

This is going to be fabulous!

Date: Fri., Oct. 1

Time: Cocktails, 7:00 pm
Dinner, 8:00 pm

Place: Toronto Lawn and Tennis Club
(near Yonge and Summerhill)

Dress Code: semi-formal

Cost: \$40/members,
\$45/non-members

Dancing, awards and fantastic
prize giveaways



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Stuart Teather

It is hard to imagine that it is September and not May. The year seems to have galloped by. Some would blame it on the weather, but I prefer to think that it is because everyone has had such a good time.

With the start of school and the fall, people's lives naturally change. If you are one of those people that hasn't come out as much as you were hoping during the year, then September is your month to change that. If you have been out a lot (you know who you are), then let's make sure that we make the most of the good weather that is left. Winter tennis is great, but not nearly as good as playing at home.

My congratulations to all of those people that played in the tournaments this year. You have helped to make all of them very competitive and enjoyable to participate in and watch. Enrollment in these tournaments is way up from last year and I think this says good things about the club. Special congratulations to those of you who managed to be victorious. A list of winners to date is printed in this newsletter.

Some of you will have noticed cracks in the surface of our lovely new courts. Tennex will be around to fix those sometime soon. It might mean that the courts are unplayable for a day, but in the long run everyone will be pleased to have courts that last a long time and allow us to spend our money in other places.

I want to take a moment to thank Simon, Jesse, Charles and Mustapha for their efforts this year. The clubhouse always looks great, the courts are clean and your efforts during special events did not go unnoticed. Simon and Jesse have sadly had to leave to get back to school. The remainder of the shifts for 2004 will be covered by Charles and Mustapha.

If you want to learn more about the work that went on behind the scenes this year, I invite you to come to the AGM which will be held at John Hodgson Public School on Tues., Sept. 28 at 7:00 pm. If you have questions; if you would like to suggest changes; or if you would even like to run for a board position in 2005, this is your place to come and do that. The courts will be closed that evening so you might as well come and hang out with your friends and 'talk a little tennis'.

We had a great board this year. Next year this club needs you. If you are interested in volunteering for a board position next year, then send a quick email to president@davisvilletennisclub.com. It really is a lot of fun and it feels good to participate. It even looks good on a resume!

The year-end bash has been moved to the Toronto Lawn and Tennis Club this year. The party will start on Fri., Oct. 1 and end sometime on the 2nd. Mark that day off on your calendar now!!! See the note in this newsletter for more details.

There will also be a free End of Year Barbeque on Oct. 3—the last day of tennis at the club. Make sure that you come out for that as well.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President in 2004. My thanks to everyone that contributed this year. We wouldn't be Davisville without you.

SOCIAL CORNER

Kim Munro

Can you believe it, the summer is quickly coming to an end and this means three things.

First, it means that House League is officially over.

Second, it means that Winter Tennis will be starting up in November on Saturdays from 7:30 pm–10:30 pm. Our first official Saturday is Nov. 13 at Mayfair West. Mayfair West is located at Chesswood Avenue (near the Allen Expressway and Sheppard).

To participate, all you have to do is sign up in the club house or send an email to dtcwintertennis@yahoo.com to let me know you are interested in putting your name on the evite. An Evite, an email invitation, goes out one week before the tennis night and you must RSVP at least 48 hours before the session. We all meet for tennis and go out together! This was a huge success last year and I know it will be just as awesome this winter!

Make sure that you continue to come to the club on Sundays of Tournament weeks for the barbeque and to cheer on your fellow members to glory!

If anyone is interested in running for Social Director for 2005 do not hesitate to step forward. It's a great way give back to this awesome community and to get to know and work with some fantastic people. If you are interested and have questions, please contact Kim Munro at 416-884-4320.

We have had such a fantastic year with some new faces and good additions to Davisville. I hope to see Davisville spirit kept up throughout the winter!



TEAMS AND TOURNAMENTS

Natasha Stoddart

A big 'Well done!' to everyone who participated in the tournaments this year. There were nights when the action was so good on the courts that we had over 100 people on the hill watching. That's fantastic!

This year, we tried to give the tournaments some more structure to make sure that they ran on time and that people could plan their weeks and lives a little better around them. For the most part, I believe that this has worked quite well. I thank everyone who was flexible enough to make my job easier.

Special thanks should also go to the court stewards for their efforts in helping with the tournaments and to anyone who volunteered to umpire a match for us this year. A special thanks to Ivan for all of his help and expertise with the barbeque.

Good luck to all in the tournaments that remain. A list of winners and finalists for 2004 appears in this newsletter.

TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Men's A Singles

Winner—Rob Husain
Finalist—Geoff Bourne

Women's A Singles

Winner—Olive Spence
Finalist—Anne Churchill-Smith

Men's B Singles

Winner—Spencer MacNaughton
Finalist—Tim Roy

Women's B Singles

Winner—Lori Liggesmeyer
Finalist—Stephanie Fraser

Men's C Singles

Winner—John Lombardi
Finalist—Stephen Chant

Women's C Singles

Winner—Elizabeth McRedmond
Finalist—Joanne Lee

Men's A Doubles

Winners—Geoff Bourne & Brian MacAdam
Finalists—Rob Husain & Armik Ghokasian

Women's A Doubles

Winners— TBD
Finalist— TBD

Men's B Doubles

Winners—Spencer MacNaughton & Mike Tanner
Finalists—Gary Petigrow & Stuart Teather

Women's B Doubles

Winners—Angela Degale & Kim Munro
Finalists—Mercedes Nolan & Barbara Watson

Men's C Doubles

Winners—Chris Boyce & Patrick Marusinec
Finalists—Amitabh Bhatnager & John Lombardi

Women's C Doubles

Winners—Jennifer Smith & Simone Perreault
Finalists—Eve Crawford and Joanne Lee

Mixed A Doubles

Winners—Perla Cuadra & Rob Husain
Finalists—Anne Churchill-Smith & Rob Beaudin

Mixed B Doubles

Winners—Julie Mateer & Stuart Teather
Finalists—Lori Liggesmeyer & Mike Tanner

Mixed C Doubles

Winners—Simone Perreault & Bob Markovski
Finalists—Allison Sharpe & Johann Heckroodt

Men's Masters

Winners— TBD
Finalists— TBD

Women's Masters

Winners— TBD
Finalists— TBD

MEMBERSHIP

Alireza Nahavandi

2004 has been a great success for our club. With over 480 members, we're very close to being full for the first time since 1992. There are still inquiries coming in by email and phone to find out about joining the club.

Our club's new look and feel and 'of course' its friendly and social nature is a great attraction for people in the neighborhood and even farther a field.

The foundation of our online membership system has been established and our goal is to start the next year's season with a more organized and easy to access system for you to use.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Perla Cuadra

Hello again folks! Well, we haven't been quite so lucky weather-wise this summer, but don't despair, I'm sure that there are still some good days left for tennis.

DTC at the TSO

*Tennis Season is over...
feel like a little class?*

• **Broadway Pops** •

Tues., Oct. 12

8:00–10:00 pm

Tickets are \$25 and limited in our section. Contact Kim at: socials@davisilletennisclub.com for more details.

Make the most of what's left until closing day—do come out and play, join and/or watch the tournaments, it's good experience and is a lot of fun.

To all those unrated players, please try to get your rating before the season ends. Our nationally-ranked Tennis Coach, Chris Field, handles the rating and re-rating of all members. Having a rating on your tag is the best way to get games at your level and even at a higher level.

Remember, on Sundays, you can tag up with someone who is 0.5 higher than your rating. This is an excellent means of improving your game and practising your tennis skills. The best part is, you get to meet other members of the club, thus making for a longer list of hitting partners.

Let's hope for sunny weather from now on. See you at the courts!

CLOSING DAY

Closing Day at the club will be Sun., Oct. 3. After that point, the club will not be providing new balls and the club house will not be staffed. However, the lights will be on and people will still be around. If you come by the courts on pleasant fall evenings I am sure that there will be others waiting for you.

JOIN THE 2005 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Looking to build leadership skills and to help make the 2005 Davisville season a success? Consider becoming a member of the Davisville Tennis Club Executive Board.

The club wouldn't be what it is today without the dedication and efforts of members, such as yourselves. There are few prerequisites to becoming a board member: mainly an open mind, a willingness to roll up your sleeves and a desire to succeed as a team.

If interested in assuming a position on next year's board, please approach any of the current Board members to ask questions or to communicate your interest. Descriptions of the positions will also be posted in the clubhouse.

Current 2004 Executive

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| President: | Stuart Teather |
| Vice President: | David Youstri |
| Secretary: | Leena Jaakimainen |
| Treasurer: | Jenn Smith |
| Communications: | Greg Cohen |
| Social: | Kim Munro |
| Membership: | Alireza Nahavandi |
| Teams & Tournaments: | Natasha Stoddart |
| Player Development: | Perla Cuadra |
| Court Manager: | Vacant |

Not comfortable making the time commitment to join the Executive Board? Consider volunteering to assist portfolios during the upcoming season. When completing your 2005 membership form, check off the committee with which you would be willing to assist.

COURT MANAGER

Simon Elliot

The court Stewards this year at Davisville have all done a great job and contributed much to the club in their efforts to keep the clubhouse clean and make sure things are running smoothly. With much of the unpredictable and inclement weather this summer the court stewards were often called upon to squeegee the courts more than once in a day.

As club manager, I was very appreciative of not only the court steward's attitude towards their job and club life but by the initiative taken by club members to help keep the club clean and help out with club events. Any help whether it be rolling courts after a storm

or cutting tomatoes for a barbecue shows people's dedication to the club and was very much appreciated by all.

Hopefully next year our three court stewards from this year; Charles Ramrattan, Mustapha Qureshi and Jesse Mighton will return as I know they were all popular around the club. Judging by the intensity of all their matches in the C level tournaments they will be back in some capacity to avenge some losses.

Once again a sincere thank you to all court stewards and club members for doing their part in keeping the clubhouse and tennis courts clean and making the whole summer a great success.

TO 'B' OR NOT TO 'B', THAT IS THE QUESTION...

Gary Petigrow

It's sad for me to see it go, but the Inter-County season has come to a close. The C Team played its last match on Sept. 2nd—a long overdue make up of a June rained out match.

But what a season it was! From the early lows of a couple of losses to a valiant and energized run at first place—including a number of 6-0 trouncings of opponents—we finally came up just a little shy and finished solidly in second place, far ahead of the third place team. Time will tell if this is enough for us to get promoted to the B League.

We were a team of many new faces, and it was amazing to watch us come together over the course of the season. When we finally were able to play our first home match (I'm sure you all remember waiting for our beautiful new purple courts to become available) we had really begun to bond as a team. And this reflected in our results. From that point on we only lost one week out of the final ten.

But far more important than second place, or first place, or the number of matches won (59!), were the friendships made, the ups and downs (and net cords) shared, and the long list of teammates I will be only too happy to share court time with in the future!

Thanks for a great season!

A TEAM

After a slow start to the 2004 season, the A team rallied with some strong tennis against very talented opponents. With this strong rally, the team will stay up in A and looks forward to a successful 2005.

COACHES CORNER

Chris Field

Two Words for Better Timing

Finding your self out of rhythm at times? Timing is a common challenge among all levels of play. Weather hitting the ball on the rise or on the way down, a simple solution to find your tennis cadence is to use the command words "bounce" and "hit". Try doing the following the next time you hit the courts. Call out "bounce" when the ball bounces. Then call out "hit." when the ball hits your strings.

This will really help you in the development of your timing and rhythm, which is essential in tennis.

Best of luck!

LADDER

Hey there everyone! Play the ladder. There is still time for you to get in there and challenge for the ladder title. As of Sept. 1, the highest ranked man was Gary Petigrow. The highest ranked woman was Lori Liggismeyer. Have you got what it takes to knock them off of their lofty perches?

DIRECTORIES

Telephone directories have been printed and are available in the clubhouse. If you have not yet picked up your copy, please stop by and get yours the next time you are at the club.

WINTER TENNIS

Make sure that you come to the clubhouse and sign up for Winter Tennis. We need your name and email address. Winter Tennis will take place at Mayfair West again this year and runs Saturday from 7:30–10:30 pm. You don't have to play every time we get together. Even if you only come out once during the winter, you will be glad that you did. Dates for Winter Tennis for this year are:

| Winter Tennis Schedule | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| 2004 | 2005 |
| Nov. 13 & 27 | Jan. 15 & 29 |
| Dec. 11 | Feb. 12 & 26 |
| | Mar. 12 & 26 |
| | Apr. 9 |

CLOSING DAY

Sun., Oct. 3

Round Robin & BBQ

DAVISVILLE TENNIS CLUB
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(Unaudited)

OCTOBER 31, 2003

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Cash | 12,532 | 9,498 |
| Sundry receivable | 1,794 | 1,447 |
| Short term investments | 51,512 | 50,917 |
| Prepaid expense | - | 912 |
| | <u>65,838</u> | <u>62,774</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| CURRENT | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 3,227 | 1,554 |
| NET ASSETS | | |
| NET ASSETS RESTRICTED FOR SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL EXPENDITURES | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS | <u>27,611</u> | <u>26,220</u> |
| | <u>62,611</u> | <u>61,220</u> |
| | <u>65,838</u> | <u>62,774</u> |

DAVISVILLE TENNIS CLUB
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2003

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Excess of revenues over expenditures | 1,391 | 6,180 |
| Changes in non-cash working capital items: | | |
| Sundry receivable | (347) | (347) |
| Prepaid expense | 912 | (48) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | <u>1,673</u> | <u>(58)</u> |
| NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES | <u>3,629</u> | <u>5,727</u> |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net increase in short term investments | <u>(595)</u> | <u>(1,670)</u> |
| CHANGE IN CASH | 3,034 | 4,057 |
| CASH, beginning of year | <u>9,498</u> | <u>5,441</u> |
| CASH, end of year | <u>12,532</u> | <u>9,498</u> |

DAVISVILLE TENNIS CLUB

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND NET ASSETS (Unaudited)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2003

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| REVENUES | | |
| Membership fees | 46,627 | 44,552 |
| Player development | 3,374 | 3,372 |
| Other | 1,136 | 853 |
| Interest income | <u>941</u> | <u>2,018</u> |
| | <u>52,078</u> | <u>50,795</u> |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Court manager - Court stewards | 11,146 | 10,902 |
| - Tennis balls | 6,321 | 6,787 |
| - Supplies and maintenance | 4,750 | 1,871 |
| - Refreshments | 1,667 | 1,031 |
| Player development | 6,240 | 6,019 |
| Communications | 4,083 | 4,577 |
| Tournaments | 3,192 | 3,340 |
| Office and general | 3,066 | 2,313 |
| Social – net | 3,053 | 2,445 |
| Ontario Tennis Association fees | 3,017 | 3,017 |
| Membership expenses | 1,513 | 183 |
| Professional fees | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Telephone | 947 | 715 |
| Club improvements, furnishings and fixtures | 612 | 629 |
| Bank charges | 7 | 111 |
| Class "A" expenses (recovery) – net | <u>(427)</u> | <u>(825)</u> |
| | <u>50,687</u> | <u>44,615</u> |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES | 1,391 | 6,180 |
| UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, beginning of year | <u>26,220</u> | <u>20,040</u> |
| UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, end of year | <u>27,611</u> | <u>26,220</u> |

PROXY-DAVISVILLE TENNIS CLUB

The undersigned member of the Davisville Tennis Club (the Club) hereby nominates, constitutes and appoints _____**, or in his/her absence, the President, of Davisville Tennis Club, as proxy of the undersigned to attend, act and vote for, on behalf of the undersigned, at the Annual Meeting of the members of the Club to be held on Tuesday, the 28th day of September, 2004 at John Hodgson Public School, 282 Davisville Ave. E., and any adjournment thereof.

Print Name: _____

Signature of member: _____

Dated: _____, 2004

Please mail this form to be received by **Fri., Sept. 24** to:

The Secretary
Davisville Tennis Club
P.O. Box 67056
2300 Yonge St.
Toronto, ON
M4P 1E0

or deliver to the Secretary, who will receive proxies in the Clubhouse from 7:00-9:00 pm on Fri., Sept. 24, 2004. Proxies not received by this date and time will not be accepted.

If you wish to elect specific members for positions on the Executive Committee, you may do so here (otherwise, your appointed proxy will vote on your behalf as instructed):

Note: Do not discard this proxy. Replacements will not be issued. Photocopies will not be accepted.

**Please print the name of a member or any other person you wish to appoint as proxy.

DAVISVILLE TENNIS CLUB MEMBER SURVEY 2004

1. How many years have you been at the club? _____

2. Will you return next year? Yes No

Why?

3. Please rate the following areas of the club this year: (circle one)

| | Outstanding | | Neutral | | Needs Improvement |
|--------------------|-------------|---|---------|---|-------------------|
| Social Events | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Communication | | | | | |
| -Overall | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| -Website | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| -Newsletter | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Tournaments | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Court Availability | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Club Friendliness | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Court Stewards | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Atmosphere | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Club House | | | | | |
| -Cleanliness | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| -Appearance | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

4. Comments:

5. Ideas:
