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2005 Club Champs!



Rob Husain, Men's A Singles Champion

Congratulations to all of those who participated in Davisville Tournaments this year. Here are your winners:

Mixed Doubles

A Mixed Doubles: Perla Cuadra & Rob Husain

B Mixed Doubles: Alexandra Eisenbichler & John Lombardi

C Mixed Doubles: Kaori Mizutani & Colin Sturdy

Singles

Men's A Singles: Rob Husain

Men's B Singles: Darren Rabie

Men's C Singles: Mustapha Qureshi

Women's A Singles: Anne Wood

Women's B Singles: Carol Baciao

Women's C Singles: Miho Matsuoka

Doubles

Men's A Doubles: Glen Harwood & Andy Wellner

Men's B Doubles: Manuel D'Gama & Kevork Kassab

Men's C Doubles: Mustapha Qureshi & Charles Ramrattan

Women's A Doubles: Perla Cuadra & Anne Wood

Women's B Doubles: Sinead Sarsfield & Christine Terashita

Women's C Doubles: Jennifer Smith & Elitza Mihaylova

Men's & Women's Masters

At time of printing the winners were still undetermined.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Stuart Teather

Even though the calendar says September, I personally believe that the seasons are shifting. While we had an unbelievable summer for weather, now is actually prime time at Davisville. The temperature is more conducive for six hour tennis marathons and the courts are less busy with Inter-county, house league and tournaments now finished for the year. Come and play tennis with your friends!

Not so long ago, a member of the club asked me to explain the AGM. It made me realize that many of you may be unaware of what happens there. The AGM is our Annual General Meeting and it is the venue for the membership to learn more about the club, what goes on behind the scenes, see how your membership fees were spent and make suggestions for the future. How can we maximize court time? How can we get new members more involved? What would you like to see added to our social calendar? The decisions that we make at that meeting will affect all of you next year, and so I ask you to come and support your club by attending. Your input will make a difference.

It is also an opportunity to volunteer for next year's board. We need enthusiastic people to help us keep Davisville as the best club in the city. The AGM is on Mon., Sept. 26 at 7:00 pm. It will be held at Hodgson Public School, 282 Davisville Ave. which is an easy walk from the club. Refreshments will be served. Please note: The club will be closed from 7:00 pm this evening.

So, what is there to do between now and the end of the year? Well, we are planning a Singles Only Day for Sat., Sept. 24. That's right—come out and play singles all day long. Doubles play will be allowed, but only if desired. For those of you that want to get singles time in, this is your day.

The club officially closes on Sun., Oct. 2 and we will be having a free BBQ and special event day for our members to say

'thank you' for a good season.

After Oct. 2, the courts will still be open, but the clubhouse and tag board will be closed. While the weather remains good, the nets will stay up and the lights will be on for everyone to enjoy.

Our Year End Awards Banquet & Dinner Dance will be Fri., Oct. 21. Don't miss it! We generally get about 100 members out to this event which is good. I would love to see us fill the place this year. 240! Come on out for a spectacular evening. Your invitation is in the mail!

The last thing that you need to know is that there is going to be a sign up posted in the clubhouse for winter tennis. We play twice a month starting in November. Details are posted in the clubhouse. Be sure to join us. The schedule of days will be posted as soon as we get confirmation from Mayfair West.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your president for the 2005 season. I look forward to seeing all of you very soon.

MEMBERSHIP

Alireza Nahavandi

There isn't much to report from my portfolio other than to say that we are **sold out for the season**—Thanks everyone! This is the first time that the club has reached 500 members since 1992. A waiting list for membership has been established. If you know someone that would be interested in joining us next year, encourage them to get their names on to that list which is located in the club house.

Remember that next year we will likely fill up even quicker so you should make sure that you get your application in early to avoid disappointment.

COACH'S CORNER

Chris Field

Poach to put pressure on your opponents

There is an unspoken rule to protect your alley when you start to play doubles,

especially when your partner hits a wide serve. Yet it is also very important to poach occasionally. If you don't, you don't put any pressure on the receiver, which puts more pressure on your partner—a scenario that will ultimately lead to you conceding a service break.

An important part of successful poaching is cutting off the ball on an angle, closing in on the net as well as moving across. This diagonal movement ensures that the ball has less time to get away from you, and also allows you to get some weight transfer into your volley.

Timing is key. If you make your move too soon, your opponent will spot it and hit down the line. Time your poach so that you move when your opponent starts to swing his/her racquet. At that point, s/he is committed to the shot and is unlikely to be able to change direction.

When your partner's serving, protect your alley, but don't make life too easy for the receiver—guard the alley, but poach occasionally!

Good Luck!

PROXY FORM

Included with this newsletter is a copy of the proxy form for the Annual General Meeting. If you are unable to attend the AGM, then please consider filling in the attached form and giving it to someone who will be there. The Secretary will be available in the clubhouse from 7:00–9:00 pm on Fri., Sept. 23 to receive any forms that members would like to sign over for the President's use at the meeting.

COURT MANAGER

Jesse Mighton

The lights are coming on earlier these days, which can only mean one thing: another season at Davisville Tennis Club is winding down. For some reason, it seems as though this summer has flown by, but it has left us with a number of great memories and good times.

With the best weather in recent memory, we didn't lose a single day to rain. Sure, the squeegees got a lot of use, but for the most part sunshine and high temperatures were the norm. With sunshine comes new members, and we did have a rush of people signing up this year! 500 blue tags decorate our tag board (mostly between 5:30–8:30 pm), indicating a capacity membership.

While operating at capacity presents some challenges, it also brings a lot of life to the club. Tournament draws have been larger than ever, and social events such as house league have brought out many people who want to be actively involved in the Davisville circle.

My favourite events of the year have been the gourmet BBQs. The return of quality food to the club has really added a lot. Who knew that the hot dogs of last year would be replaced by souvlaki, bratwurst, and homemade burgers?

So, now that the winter's dust has fallen off your racquets, your games are in top form, and your competitive juices are flowing at top speed, take advantage of the time remaining! Play some ladder matches against new opponents or come out to the hill on the weekend and see some great tennis. Take advantage of everything the club has to offer and make more memories that will keep your fires stoked through the winter months. Don't forget to sign up for Winter Tennis. It's \$15 to play followed by a social.

It's been a pleasure working at DTC this summer, and I sincerely hope to see all of you again next year. Until then, play some tennis, don't double-tag, and have fun!

SOCIAL RE-CAP

Allison Sharpe

Summer of Social Activity

Davisville has been a buzz on Saturday nights. House league has made a comeback. This summer over 60 participants signed up for house league on Saturday nights from 6:00 pm–9:00 pm. On any given Saturday night you would find 20–30 players out to play some pre-arranged tennis. The benefits: 45-minute time slots, two arranged doubles matches and great people to meet. At the Après Parties we enjoyed mini-putt at The Docks, Entertainment at the Street Festival, drinks at Shoeless Joe's and a final party at The Bow & Arrow to name a few. If you missed the action this summer, be sure to sign up next spring for another exciting season of Saturday night tennis and parties.

The Fringe Night was a good laugh as a group of members enjoyed Eve Crawford's play during the month of July. Watch for a Night at the TSO this fall when we will support other talented members of our club.

Have you enjoyed a Gourmet BBQ this summer? Davisville has been serving up some delicious lunches on selected

Sundays by the clubhouse. Fresh burgers, chicken souvlaki, oktoberfest sausages are only a sampling of what we have offered. For \$5, members have had a great lunch with the chance to watch the tournament finals on the hill. On two occasions we offered a lovely courtside breakfast for the early risers. If you missed these events this summer, you will have to make sure you mark your calendar for 2006 as we prepare more delicious menus for next year's Gourmet BBQs.

We tried the idea of a Beer Garden with our first two Gourmet BBQs and found out that our club is just not into having a beverage on a Sunday afternoon, so we will look at incorporating this special treat into Davisville Cup for summer of 2006. For now we will have to head over to the local pub for a cold one.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made these events possible. Each of you have made your mark on Davisville and have helped to ensure 2005 was a successful social season. Remember, it's not over until the last song at Year End...reserve your seat today!

See you there!

Davisville Tennis Club Annual General Meeting

Date: Mon., Sept. 26

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Hodgson Public School

282 Davisville Ave. (East of Mount Pleasant Ave)

- *Elect your 2005/06 Board of Directors*
- *Vote on club issues*
- *Voice your opinion on club financial/operational matters*

SOCIAL UPDATE

Allison Sharpe

Year End Awards Banquet & Dinner Dance

You are invited to join us to celebrate the end of another great season at DTC! Our Year End Awards Dinner and Dance will take place on Fri., Oct. 21 at Fantasy Farm. Look for your special invitation in the mail in order to book your spot at this not-to-miss event.

Here's what you can expect: A choice of 10 ounce Steak, Salmon or Chicken Breast served with all the trimmings, in fact you will choose your cut of meat right from the grill so that it can be cooked to your liking. For vegetarians, we have a special meal prepared for you as well. When you reply you must make your selection on the reply card so that we can ensure your satisfaction. Dessert will be to-die-for and of course there is tea and coffee.

The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:30 pm on the terrace overlooking the beautiful gardens of Fantasy Farm, and dinner will begin at 7:30 pm with the awards presentation following shortly. When you arrive, you will select your table by placing your name card at your place setting.

We will dance into the night with a great DJ who takes requests. We have some surprises and prizes in store to make this night even more fun.

And lastly, it will be an OPEN BAR event—that's right the rumours are true. The bar will be open for complimentary cocktails all night and wine will be served with dinner. Again, you won't have to pay anything extra once you have purchased your ticket (except for tipping the great bartenders).

Fantasy Farm is located at Bayview Avenue and Pottery Road. There is parking, but

we recommend taking a short cab ride in order for you to safely enjoy yourself. Attire is semi-formal.

How do you reserve your seat? You must R.S.V.P. to Allison Sharpe by Wed., Oct. 12 by either mailing your reply card, menu selection and payment to her or leaving your reply card and payment sealed in an envelope to her attention at the clubhouse. Only Allison can confirm your reservation so please ensure she receives your reply and payment. The reply card came with your invitation along with an envelope for mailing or dropping off at the clubhouse. If you have lost yours please email asharpe_75@hotmail.com or call 416-224-0562 for a replacement. Cheques should be made payable to Davisville Tennis Club.

Tickets are only \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. Please book early to avoid disappointment as there is limited seating for this event.



You are formally invited to attend our

42nd Annual Year-End Celebration

Friday October 21, 2005

Fantasy Farm

6:30 Cocktails

7:30 Dinner and Awards

Complimentary Bar and Wine with Dinner

\$50 for members / \$60 for non-members

Semi Formal Attire

Look for your invitation in the mail or contact

Allison Sharpe @ 416.224.0562

for more information

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 Monday, the 26th day of September, 2005 at Hodgson Public School, 282 Davisville Ave. E., and any adjournment thereof.

Print Name: _____

Signature of member: _____

Dated: _____, 2005

Please mail this form to be received by Fri., Sept. 23 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. 23, 2005. 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):

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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.