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DAVISVILLE CUP

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Davisville Cup Raises \$5,000!

On Sat., June 17, over 60 people from Davisville Tennis Club came together to raise money for Doug Philpott Inner City Children's Tennis. Over the years, our annual Davisville Cup has lost some of its intended purpose of being a charitable event, so this year we made sure the focus was on fundraising for a great cause. With everyone's dedication and commitment we were able to raise over \$5,000 for Doug Philpott Inner City Children's Tennis!

Each team was assigned a country and participants were asked to bring props and dress up to cheer on their team. The top spirit team, led by Alex Williams, was Greece. With their very own 'head-quarters', the team sold pop and water for the cause. Teams played a unique form of team tennis and enjoyed a BBQ lunch in appreciation of collecting pledges for the cause.

Dunlop racquets and bags were awarded to the top male and female fundraisers, Amitabh Bhatnager and Carolyn Grein. Our

champion team and finalist team played off for Rogers Cup tickets, Dunlop Hats and Wilson T-shirts. USA, led by Julie Mateer won the day by beating England, led by Reid Ozon, in a final 'Round the World' match. *cont'd...*

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Since 1991, The Doug Philpott Fund allows inner city children the opportunity to participate in a summer tennis camp. All racquets, balls, T-shirts and coaching is provided by the charity. These camps take place during the months of July and August in nine locations across Toronto. Through the camps, the charity promotes health, physical and moral well-being among needy or disadvantaged inner-city children by providing skills development programs. Kids get a chance to try something new and work with positive role models.



Doug Philpott was one of the great folk heroes of Canadian tennis. A promoter, umpire and referee involved with all kinds of events including the Canadian Open, Philpott was as much at home with an eight-year-old beginner as he was with super stars like John Newcombe or Arthur Ashe. Referred to by many as 'Mr. Tennis', Philpott remained a devoted player himself until three weeks before he died in 1984 at the age of 78. The Philpott Inner-City Children's Tennis Fund was set up to honour the memory of a man who unselfishly dedicated his life to helping others enjoy tennis as much as he did. For more information, please visit: www.tennisonario.com/philpottfund/index.html

Special thank you to our Event Sponsors for their support: Dunlop, Bruzer Sportsgear, Merchant of Tennis, Lululemon and the OTA!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Stuart Teather

It is now officially summer and the season is in full swing at Davisville. There is lots of social programming at the Club, so find

your area of interest and make it happen with us! Some of you won't know this yet, but tournament time has arrived. This is a busy time and as a result court time is reduced. We encourage all of you to join up and test yourselves at whatever level you are. Registration is \$5 and includes a ticket for our gourmet BBQ on 'Finals Sunday'. Come out on the Sunday and watch your friends compete for the big prize or... compete for it yourself!

I always enjoy meeting new members and learning about what brought them to be with us at our club. Thank you to all of you, returning and new who continue to make this such a special place.

TEAMS AND TOURNAMENTS

Lori Liggesmeyer

The tournament season has begun! Hurry and partner up and start practicing together! Don't forget, deadlines for tournament registration is ONE week prior to the start date of the tournament.

Tournament Calendar

July 4-9	Mixed A, B & C Doubles
July 17-23	Men's A Singles, Women's B Singles & Women's C Doubles
Aug. 14-20	Women's A Singles, Men's B Singles & Men's C Doubles
Aug. 21-27	Men's A Doubles, Men's B Doubles & Women's C Singles
Sept. 11-17	Women's A Doubles, Women's B Doubles & Men's C Singles
Sept. 19-24	Men's & Women's Masters

Intercounty Update

Both the A and B teams have made great starts to their seasons. We are half-way through the season both teams are doing well. The A team has won 18 matches and lost 12; the B team has won 16 and lost 17! Good job teams, keep it up!

Come out and support the teams when they are at home. Teams play at home:
A Team: July 20 & 27
B Team: July 4, 18 & 25

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Chris Boyce

House League

Come on out and enjoy the remaining House League dates for the season:

July 15 House League #5 (6:00-9:00 pm)
July 29 House League #6 (6:00-9:00 pm)
Aug 12 House League #7 (6:00-9:00 pm)
Aug 26 House League #8 (6:00-9:00 pm)
Our numbers are growing constantly as the season rolls along. Don't miss out on the fun—or the party afterwards! Email playerdevelopment@davisvilletennisclub.com for details.

Group Lessons and Shot Clinics

While interest and participation remains high for DTC Group Lessons and Shot Clinics, it may still be possible for you to get involved. If you need to work out a couple of kinks in your game (or all of them!), then this is the perfect place to do it. Come by the club house and sign up in person.

HELPFUL HINTS

Here are some things that you might not know but should make your time at Davisville more enjoyable.

Entry to courts:

1 & 2 – through door 1, by the patio
3 & 4 – through door 2, on the south side
5 & 6 – through door 3, by the ball park

Please wait until points are over before walking behind a court. *cont'd...*



The OTA volunteer of the month is DTC's Cheryll Corness. Cheryll has been an active OTA volunteer for well over a decade and has been on the Board of the OTA for most of that time. She started as Chair of the Central Region of the OTA (now renamed Tennis Toronto), has been a Director at Large, VP Membership and Region Development and is now VP, Marketing and Communications.

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Returning balls: Please make sure that play has stopped before you return a ball to a court. Conversely, please wait until play has stopped on another court before you ask for a ball back.

Lets: When a 'let' is called, it means that play is stopped on the court. This happens most often in general play when a served ball strikes the net and goes into the proper service box resulting in a 'good' serve. The result of a 'let' in this case is to stop play and return the ball to the server to serve either the first or second serve again (which ever is appropriate). At Davisville, we get a lot of another kind of let. This is generally ones that arise from stray balls on your court. Please call a let on any ball that comes onto your court that is either dangerous or distracting. Please also call a let for another court if you believe that your ball could be dangerous on their court.

Tagging up: Most of you will be familiar with the tag up board by now. You may not know though that you can tag up others on a court with you. You can tag up to three other people on a court with you. Your tag has to be on the top hook closest to the board. This position indicates who did the tagging, and whose court it is.

Lights at Davisville: We are working with the city to have them come and replace / reposition some of our lights. They were last replaced about four years ago and so they won't be generating the same light as they were when we first got them. There is a substantial cost to buy them but this is the sort of thing that is better done all at once than a few at a time. The city will install them for us at no charge.

Dress Code: Davisville does have a dress code, and most of you have been really good about knowing it and following it. If you have any questions about it, please take a look in your directory. It is written in there on the yellow pages at the front.

Guest Passes: Guests are only eligible to play at Davisville if they are signed in by a member. A \$5 guest fee will be charged.

Guests are not allowed to tag a court alone and must play either singles or doubles with the member who signed them in. If a guest is found to be using an existing member's tag in order to play, they will be barred from playing at Davisville for the remainder of the season. Guests can only visit Davisville a maximum of three times during the season.

Information: We send out a weekly email and try to keep our website up to date about what is going on at the club. If you are not getting this email and would like to, please email Alireza at membership@davisvilletennisclub.com and we will add you to the list. Changes of address and phone numbers can be done in the same way.

COURT MANAGER

Jesse Mighton

The 2006 season is now well under way and Davisville Tennis Club is in the midst of its busiest season to date. Now that the winter rust is gone and the sun is shining, it's time to meet the staff who work hard to ensure that you have a great experience at the club.

Returning this year are Mustapha Qureshi and Charles Ramrattan. 'Moose' and Charles are veterans of the club and familiar faces around the courts. When they're not training, they can often be found working on their game. Moose is the 2005 'C' Singles Champion, and Charles is training hard to raise his game.

New to the club this year are Philip Ramrattan and Mike Orlando. Phil has been around the club for several years taking in big games from the hill.

Mike joins us after just finishing high school and is looking forward to beginning university next year. He is a former tennis player who's looking to get back in the game and is starting in the right place.

As for me, I'm happy to be back for my second year as Court Manager and look forward to meeting the many new faces around the club this year.

With all the excitement that selling out so early in the season brings, it also has a new set of challenges that we must all work together on. I'd like to remind you to be courteous to fellow members at the Tag Board, and especially during the opening of the club. If you have any questions about the tag board, please don't hesitate to ask a Steward to avoid disappointment.

I'd also like to remind you to take a minute and review the dress code either online or in the info package you received upon registration. The DTC enforces a dress code and expects our members to respect this when on the courts. If you're not sure, please ask us, and we can answer questions you may have about the dress code.

Other than that, get out and enjoy the 2006 season! Take a lesson! Join the ladder! Play a tournament! There's tons of ways to get involved at Davisville, so try them all.

2006 DIRECTORIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE!



The 2006 Directories are available and are in the clubhouse for you to pick up from a court steward! There is a limit of one per member.

Thanks to our sponsors who helped make this newly formatted directory possible.

SOCIAL UPDATE

Allison Sharpe

Monte Carlo Night

A special thanks to those members who helped out with the Opening Day party. Great events like this can not occur without your time and dedication to them and to the club. Members who attended are still talking about what a good night it was and we have the pictures to prove it! This was in no small part to you. We would also like to thank Dunlop and The Merchant of Tennis for all the great prizes. Thank you!



Gourmet BBQ's



- July 9 BBQ #1 (11:00 am–2:00 pm)
- July 23 BBQ #2 (11:00 am–2:00 pm)
- Aug. 20 Breakfast #1 (8:00–11:00 am)
- Aug. 27 BBQ #3 (11:00 am–2:00 pm)
- Sept. 17 BBQ #4 (11:00 am–2:00 pm)
- Sept. 24 Breakfast #2 (8:00 am–1:00 pm)

Sept 9...???Mystery Pub???...Stay tuned for more details...