

# Topspin

The official newsletter of Davisville Tennis Club

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## Happy New Year!



A bevy of trophies at the Year End Party at the Granite Club

### And the 2007 Awards Go To....

#### Most Enthusiastic New Members

Women: Megan Husk  
Men: Jeff Coutts

#### Most Improved Players

##### Women

C Division: Elena Nebusova  
B Division: Alexandra Eisenbichler  
A Division: Natasha Stoddart

##### Men

C Division: Jeff Coutts  
B Division: Michael Bilyk  
A Division: Jason Oh

#### Volunteer of the Year

Allison Sharpe

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### Membership Update

There was a lot of action last year just before opening day as new members and returning members tried to make sure that they made it into the club. Sadly, there were several returning members that didn't make it and many new members that were unable to join. Please note now the important dates for this upcoming year because they are set, firm and, to be fair, exceptions cannot be made.

We expect that Davisville will be sold out on April 5 next year (the first day that we accept new members). In order to avoid the rush, join us early. Membership is confirmed when we receive payment. Again this year, membership can be paid by cheque or by email money transfer (see website for more information).

Get your money in early, we want to see all of you back next year!

# Winter Tennis!

January 12, 2008  
Mayfair West  
6:30 - 9:30 - 9 courts

January 26, 2008  
Mayfair Lakeshore  
7:30 - 10:30 - 6 courts

February 9, 2008  
Mayfair West  
6:30 - 9:30 - 9 courts

February 23, 2008  
Mayfair Lakeshore  
7:30 - 10:30 - 6 courts

March 8, 2008  
Mayfair West  
6:30 - 9:30 - 9 courts

March 22, 2008  
Mayfair Lakeshore  
7:30 - 10:30 - 6 courts

A Great Way to Keep Your  
Game Hot During the Cold  
Months!

## Important 2008 Dates

**January 15**

Returning membership opens

**February 15**

Registration for Waiting List and  
New Members opens

**April 4**

Guaranteed membership for re-  
turning members ends

**April 5**

Wait List/New Members ac-  
cepted (as space allows)

**April 19**

2008 Opening Day!

Winter tennis is well underway for the season. For those of you that don't know, winter tennis mimics the format of our House Leagues where you register, two 45-minute games are planned at your playing level and then we all go out and have a little fun. The cost is \$15.

All Davisville members are invited to these events and we hope that you can attend. Recommendation: register immediately when you receive the email - we sell out within 24 hours.

We also allow guests to join. Guests (not accompanied by a member) will be invited 24 hours (or more) after the initial invitation goes out to our members.

For the first time ever, the hours at Mayfair West have been moved from 6:30 to 9:30 and we have negotiated access to their new restaurant. Come out and enjoy the fun. Dates on the left.

## Membership Registration Procedures

Please read this carefully to avoid disappointment.

### Returning Members

We are opening up membership early this year for returning members. Starting on January 15, you will be able to sign up online or download the membership form from the internet. This will give you 81 days to guarantee your membership for 2008. Starting on April 5, returning members will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis with all other applicants.

### Waiting List Candidates

Prospective members on the waiting list will be allowed to start signing up February 15 through the website or by using a membership form. Waiting list candidates have until April 4 to get their forms and payment to us. On April 5, we will start accepting waiting list members in the order that they appear on the list now. So, if you almost got in last year and send your payment to us by April 4, then you will have priority over someone who was a long way down on the waiting list and gets their membership information and payment in right away. Starting on April 5, Waiting List candidates will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis with all other applicants.

### New Members

People that would like to join the club but who aren't on the waiting list will be able to apply for memberships starting on February 15. It is important that this group gets membership information and payments to us as soon as possible as they will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis as determined by payment. On April 5, after waiting list members have been accepted, we will accept new applicants in the order that they registered.

**\*\*Registration and payments sent to us before February 15 will not be accepted.**

If you have any questions about registration, please contact a board member and we will be more than happy to explain it to you.

# Your Board of Directors - 2008



**Stuart Teather** - President | **Vincent Cooney** - Vice President | **Allyson Mitchell** - Secretary  
**Amitabh Bhatnagar** - Treasurer | **Angela Meharg** - Communications | **Alireza Nahavandi** - Membership  
**Claudia Perez** - Social | **Alexandra Eisenbichler** - Teams & Tournaments | **Theo Kolovos** - Player Development

## President

*Stuart Teather*

Hi everyone! Welcome again to the longest time of the year. We are blessed in Canada with many things, but a long tennis season isn't one of them. Between now and then, we hope that you find your tennis fix either with an indoor membership or through our extremely popular winter tennis events (see article for dates and times). Don't let the dream of the perfect game fade over the winter months.

In this newsletter, we take a moment to look back at the great times that this past year provided and take a moment to introduce the new board and their plans for the upcoming year. We already know when we are starting, when we are

finishing and how we are going to get there. It is the details that we are working on now. If you have suggestions for next year, then now is the time to let us know. DTC stays vibrant with new ideas, initiatives and members.

With regard to my health and recovery from surgery I have been given the full go ahead now and tennis, hockey and the odd ski hill are very much in my plans for the coming months. I thank all of you for the warm thoughts and good wishes that helped me to get to this point so quickly.

Enjoy your time off; come and see us as often as you can and we will work hard over the winter to deliver an even better 2008 than you enjoyed in 2007.

## Vice-President

*Vincent Cooney*

I would like to thank Henry Choo Chong for a great year, and I hope to improve on his success at Davisville. The community should know when they are on Davisville turf—and I intend to make it clear by making the court manager and stewards more identifiable, consistent, and professional. From there, we'll work together to ensure that the clubhouse and courts are managed efficiently and kept up to Davisville standards. I also plan to work with the executive to improve club awareness of the finer points of our 'tag-up' system, to ensure that everyone has a chance to play. Have a safe winter, and I'll see you in the spring!

## Secretary

*Allyson Mitchell*

I'm starting my third year as a member of DTC and my first year on the board. As Secretary, my main responsibilities will be to take minutes at our monthly executive board meetings, manage administrative tasks in preparing for our meetings, and help out with the events run by other board members. I am really looking forward to being on the executive and making 2008 a great season.

## Treasurer

*Amitabh Bhatnagar (A.B.)*

I am commencing my fourth year serving on the board. Being a Chartered Accountant by profession, I enjoy the role of club treasurer. My responsibilities include accounting, banking, payroll, accounts payable and generally, overseeing the finances of the club.

Performing the day to day financial tasks of DTC is one of many critical functions that contribute to the smooth running of the club. I am fortunate to be part of a great team of board members and membership, which makes this club the great place that it is.

## Communications

*Angela Meharg*

In my second year as Communications Director, I'm excited to expand on what we accomplished last year. While our email and web communications were very strong this last season, I am committed to having the club house be a hub of information. Once again we will make every effort to have the membership directory out by June. Selling out by opening day certainly helps! Look out for an email from us about opportunities to volunteer - that's where the fun is off the courts!

## Membership

*Alireza Nahavandi*

One of the most exciting things about last year was selling out on opening day. That is a major accomplishment for a community-based club. It also surprised some former members who expected things to be like they were in the past. The point is that DTC has become the place to be, and we highly encourage you to register just as soon as the opportunity is available. Don't be disappointed!

## Social

*Claudia Perez*

Is the tennis season really over? It definitely doesn't seem like that at DTC! Throughout the winter we'll all have a chance to continue with the friendships we've all made on the courts this past summer.

Keep the competitive spirit of tennis alive over the next few months by participating in winter tennis. All sessions will be followed by a groovy social afterwards. The social venues will be held in conveniently situated areas nearby the Mayfair Tennis clubs...so join us for us FUN and camaraderie.

We're on the lookout for enthusiastic, committed members to sit on the first ever Davisville Cup Committee (we need 10 people). We will meet once a month starting in December to plan, organize and execute the 2008 Davisville Cup next June. This will ensure our annual fundraiser is a success and reaches our 2008 goal. Contact Allison Sharpe to participate: [asharpe\\_75@hotmail.com](mailto:asharpe_75@hotmail.com) or 416-224-0562.

## Teams & Tournaments

*Alexandra Eisenbichler*

I am honoured to serve as your Chair of Teams and Tournaments for the 2008 tennis season, along with my chairperson Spencer MacNaughton. As past participants of these events we have a good understanding of the many issues that have arisen over the years.

Our goals for 2008 will be to continue improving the tournaments and to re-examine both the A and B inter-county teams. We invite anyone who has any suggestions on how to improve the teams or tournaments to please contact either Spencer or myself directly. In conclusion, I wish everyone an enjoyable winter and I'll see you in 2008. Let's rally!

## Player Development

*Theo Kolovos*

I am excited to be returning for my fourth year at DTC and my second year serving on the Board. Being part of the board has given me the opportunity to give back to this wonderful club that has given me so much in return.

Here is what you can expect in 2008 from the Player Development portfolio...Winter Tennis – we have 9 dates confirmed, and spots fill up quickly so definitely sign up when you see the email invite; House Leagues – fun round robins held on Saturdays, traditionally twice a month; Clinics (OTA & DTC) – a variety of beginner and advanced clinics offered throughout the season; Ladder Singles play – allows members to practice their singles game during the season in a fun and competitive environment.

## 2007 AGM Summary

## Year End Party - A Winner!

Here is a quick summary of the AGM. Our thanks to all that attended and continue to contribute to the long term success of the club.

- A committee was formed to investigate the feasibility of building a club house closer to the courts.
- A motion to establish 4.5 level tournaments at the club was defeated.
- The board committed to looking at membership trends over a period of time now that this information is contained in our database.

With outstanding attendance of 132 guests, the Year End Party was an exciting event filled with fun and camaraderie. We started the evening with a reception where volunteers and Board members were treated to hors d'oeuvres and cocktails served on one of the beautiful patios of the renowned Granite Club.

As guests continued to arrive a gentle fall breeze allowed us to enjoy the outdoor scenery. Shortly after we were invited to dine in the Regency Hall, after which the much anticipated award ceremony took place. Finalists, semi-finalists and other award winners all marched very happily to receive their awards and smile for the lenses of their enthusiastic friends who wanted to capture the special moment.

A mere second after the awards were all given out, guests were sprinting their way to the dance floor for non-stop dancing. The moves demonstrated by DTC members were seriously impressive!



**Angela Meharg, Lori Liggesmeyer, Andrew Wilkes, Claudia Perez - dancing up a storm!**



**Remco Tas, Allison Sharpe, Heather Sharpe, Glen Harwood, Leila Rickett - looking very elegant.**

## Coach's Corner

### BOUNCE INTO WINTER TENNIS

One question that I get asked often: "How can I get to the ball quicker?" The secret to speed is having a fast first step. When you watch the pros, just before their opponents hit the ball, they hop. This unweights their feet enabling them to react with quickness and balance. Practice hopping (most tennis pros call it the split step) before every stroke, and you'll be the new Nadal or Henin at our club.

**Chris Field - Club Pro**



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