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The official newsletter of Davisville Tennis Club

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Davisville Cup

WE DID IT!!

We did it! Davisville Cup surpassed its fundraising goal and raised over \$15,000 for Doug Philpott Inner City Children's Tennis Camps.

On Saturday June 7, members of Davisville had a lot of fun at our Day at the Movies themed day. The Super Hero team took all the glory and beat out the other 5 teams for winning title. But all players got into the spirit with their movie genre costumes and court decorations.

Top Fundraisers were AB, Jeff Holz and Vince Cooney - thank you to all who made a donation or collected pledges for the event.

Also a big thanks goes out to our sponsors and individuals who made prizing and the silent auction possible: ACE Clothing, Dunlop, OTA, Tennis Canada, Merchant of Tennis, Tim Horton's, Kernel's Popcorn, Booster Juice, Mt. Pleasant Theatres, Maple Films, Merrill Clothing, Cadbury's and L'Oreal.



\$15,000 +



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Annual General Meeting

Monday September 22, 2008 7pm - 10pm

Hodgson Public School – Davisville Ave just east of Mt. Pleasant

Have you always wondered why things are the way that they are at the tennis club? Do you think that we could be doing something better, faster, cheaper? Do you want to have a say in the way that Davisville evolves as we move forward? How do we spend your funds?

If so, then the place to ask the questions, put forward your ideas and participate in the discussion is at the Annual General Meeting. Your current board will talk about this year at the club. We will also elect next year's board.

The meeting lasts about 3 hours. We provide food and it is never boring. Show your support for your volunteer board and come on out!

DAVISVILLE TENNIS CLUB

Year End Awards BANQUET & DINNER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Stuart Teather

It seems like a long time since I have had the occasion to say hello to all of you and help to provide you with a note about what is new at the club. I hope that all of you are having a memorable summer and that a good part of that is your time at the club. The weather hasn't been complimentary to us on many a night and that has put pressure on the courts on the good nights to accommodate tournament matches, intercounty and the Class A Championships. Now that some of these events are past us, there should be more time at the courts for you to come and rev up your game for the single championships.

The year has been a good one for us from a number of different perspectives.

Our teams have done very well this year with the A team finishing near the top and the B team winning its division outright. This means that our B Team will be playing towards a spot in the InterCounty Tennis Association's year end tournament at the Rexall Centre on September 6. We will keep everyone up to date on their progress. If they make it, we hope that some of you will



consider coming to the event to cheer Davisville on!

Davisville Cup was a tremendous success this year and the efforts of our members pushed us easily past our goal of \$10,000 to a new high of \$15,000. We are now a platinum sponsor of the Philpott Inner City Kids Foundation and our success has led other clubs to ask if we can help them get something like Davisville Cup started. We are extremely excited about this event's future.

I think that we have more active new members in the club this year. It is encouraging to see people coming out and getting into the Davisville routine. If you are not one of them, it is never too late to start. There are always good matches and new friends to meet at Davisville.

It is my pleasure to welcome Glen Thomas as our new Communications Director. It is exciting to know that someone of his considerable talents is willing to donate his time to the

betterment of the club. Actually, it makes sense for me to thank all of you at this time for the little things that you do to help make the club a great place to be.

Whether it is a simple smile, agreeing to play with someone of a lower level, volunteering at barbecues, picking up a piece of garbage around the club,

squeegeeing the courts, umpiring ... all of it makes a difference. It is these little things added together that create the atmosphere that other organizations recognize. As a result, we were recognized as the OTA's Most Outstanding Club. A big thank you to all of you for making this happen.

Take care and have fun. I hope to see all of you soon.

Stuart

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Vincent Cooney

With a little over a month left in the 2008 season, there are a number of people that deserve thanks for their contributions to the club this year. They all deserve recognition as we cap off another fun-filled summer.

I'd like to thank our members. Tournaments and events wouldn't be the same without your enthusiastic participation.

I'd like to thank our dedicated court staff. Whether they're squeegeeing the courts, managing the tag board, or doing one of a laundry list of other duties, they have all done a great job.

Charles, Phil, Max, and our newest court steward Faraz, should be proud of their work this year. You may not notice them sometimes, but that's often the case when things run

so smoothly. The next time you're waiting to go on court, take a minute to let them know their efforts are appreciated.

Finally, I'd like to thank our great volunteers. From our big events like the Class 'A' tournament and Davisville Cup, to simply lending a hand around the club, your positive contributions have made the club more enjoyable for everyone around you. For this group of selfless individuals volunteering isn't simply a choice, it's a responsibility.

With all that said, I am one to believe that we can always do better.

I'd like to encourage everyone to come out to the club's Annual General Meeting on September 22. So come out for a slice of pizza and speak your mind.

So with that, get out there and enjoy the rest of the season, and I look forward to seeing you at the Year End Awards dinner and banquet!

Vince

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Theo Kolovos

Where has the season gone!! House League continues to be popular among players of all levels, all 48 spots were filled on opening day! For members who have not signed up for the season and wish to participate; don't despair as a few spots do become available prior to each event. Our next House League will take place on Saturday, September 6... look for the sign up on Monday, September 1.

Also, the Tennis Ladder season is nearing its end. As a reminder the ladder will be open to challenges up until September 24. So for players who are looking to make their move, the time is now! Don't forget! There are 2 ways to win the ladder – 1) be at the top of the ladder at the end of the season, or 2) be the player which has accumulated the most points at the end of the season.

SOCIAL

Claudia Perez

Sadly another season comes to an end for us Davisville tennis lovers... but with that also comes the excitement about the Year End Banquet and Awards Ceremony! Look forward to receiving your invitation on the mail and joining us for the party, we will keep you posted for future events during the winter. Thank you for attending our social gatherings, it has been a fun and exciting year!



COMMUNICATIONS

Glen Thomas

It is a pleasure to carry on from Angela's work as Davisville's new Communications Director. The transition was relatively smooth with the exception of the Members Directory which was unfortunately delayed. Going forward I will make every effort to keep you informed on all the club's activities in a timely manner.

You should already be receiving emailed Regular Updates from me which detail current events along with court availability. If you do not receive these updates you can subscribe on our website or contact me.

To assist in my endeavors in this role I would be grateful if members could provide me with stories, updates, photos, tennis websites, or any other information or resource which I can share with the rest of the club.

I am truly looking forward to being more actively involved in the club; though I must say I am still somewhat concerned that my nomination to the Board only occurred after wearing an imitation buttocks to the Davisville Cup.... I wonder if that will have the same effect at work.

Join our Board for 2009

Davisville is always looking for enthusiastic and energetic people to join our volunteer board. If you are new to the club, we want your fresh ideas and thoughts. If you are a long time member, we want your experience.

A nomination committee has been formed and is interested in talking to you. If you have some interest and want to know more, please contact your current executive at president@davisvilletennisclub.com

Current 2008 Executive

President :

Stuart Teather

Vice President:

Vincent Cooney

Secretary:

Allyson Mitchell

Treasurer:

Amitabh Bhatnagar

Communications:

Glen Thomas

Social:

Claudia Perez

Membership:

Alireza Nahavandi

Teams & Tournaments:

Alexandra Eisenbichler

Player Development:

Theo Kolovos

Court Manager:

Charles Ramrattan

TEAMS AND TOURNAMENTS

Alexandra Eisenbichler

This year I tried to give the tournaments some more structure to ensure that the tournaments 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 made my job easier.

Congratulations to all of our tournament winners and participants. It was another exciting year of competition at the club and we had many great nights enjoying the action on the hill. We hope that all of the winners will be able to attend the year end party to receive their individual trophies

Mixed A Doubles

Winners – Natasha Stoddart/Rob Husain

Finalists – Perla Cuadra/Spencer Macnaughton



Mixed B Doubles

Winners – Isabella Lee/Gard Shelley

Finalists – Jennifer Parker/ Kevork Kassab



Mixed C Doubles

Winners – Sri Nerella/Mary Daicopolucus

Finalists – Megen Husk/Richard Wong

Men's A Doubles

Winners – Spencer Macnaughton/Peter Hidas

Finalists – Jason Oh/Rob Husain



Men's B Doubles

Winners – Peter Cooney/Gard Shelley

Finalists – Michael Bilyk/Bao Do



Men's C Doubles

Winners – Jeff Holz/Jon Perkins

Finalists – Dale Scott/James Toste



Men's Masters

Winner – **Greg Kowal**
Finalist – Armik Ghokasian

Women's B Doubles

Winners – **Isabella Lee/ Song Ja Yoshiura**
Finalists – Jane Bodner/Robyn Posner

Women's C Doubles

Winners – **Jennifer Alami/Oksana Yablonovsky**
Finalists – Linda Baranyai/Elena Nebusova



Women's Masters

Winner – **Perla Cuadra**
Finalists – Nenita Babaran

Good luck to all in the tournaments that remain:

September 2 – September 7
Women's A Doubles

September 8 – September 14
Women's A Singles
Men's B Singles
Men's C Singles

September 15 – September 21
Men's A Singles
Women's B Singles
Women's C Singles

TENNIS ACCESS

Are you going to miss all the fun competitive play at Davisville once the season ends? Don't worry! On Sunday October 19, Davisville Tennis Club will be hosting a Mixed Doubles Tennis Access Tournament! You can either sign up individually or with a partner by calling 647-342-8366 or emailing Entry@TennisAccess.com. It costs \$40 per person, but it includes a lunch and free prizes that can

be won throughout the day. For more information visit TennisAccess.com

INTERCOUNTY TEAMS

Congratulations to our B Intercounty Team who won the B Central Division! In week 13 it was already known that the B Team would win their division! As a result, the B Team will enter the playoffs and fight for their chance to play at the Rexall Center on Saturday September 6. The gates will be open to everyone so if the team ends up being a participant at the Rexal Centre come out and cheer them on!

Furthermore, with the B Team clinching the division they will have to decide whether to stay in the B's or move up to the A's. If the team votes to move up, the issue will be put in motion at the AGM.

Special thanks goes out to both Rob Beaudin and Gary Petigrow for being the captains of the A and B Teams!

WORLD TEAM TENNIS

On Saturday August 23, 2008 Davisville once again held World Team Tennis at its club. Overall, it was a perfect day to play a fun, competitive tennis tournament for all 13 teams that were registered, as the weather was hot and sunny.

From 10:00am - 2:00pm, teams competed in a Round Robin in hopes that they would gain many points in order to secure their position in the Championship Rounds.

Then from 2:00pm - 4:30pm, the World Team Tennis became a lot more serious as teams fought for their chance to be World Team Tennis Champions.

Congratulations to all our winners!



A/B Level

1st place: Allison Sharpe, Callie Dunne, Stuart Teather, Luis Vagas

2nd place: Maria Comandador, Alexandra Eisenbichler, Theo Kolovos, Gary Petigrow

3rd place: Song Ja Yoshiura, Mercedes Nolan, Jeff Coutts, Sri Nerella

C Level

1st place: Jodi Avertick, Ljiljana Vuletic, Jem Villaluz, Robert Kuba

2nd place: Megen Husk, Tarah Johnston-Holz, Jeff Holz, Pino Creatore

3rd place: Wendy Doan, Myndi Quirion, Peter Wroldesen, Sean Fidler

CLOSING DAY – SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER, 2008

Closing Day at the club will be Sunday October 5. 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.



2008 Event Calendar

September 6	House League (6—9 pm)
September 2-7	Women's A Doubles
September 8-14	Women's A Singles Men's B Singles Men's C Singles
September 15-14	Men's A Singles Women's B Singles Women's C Singles
September 20	House League (6—9 pm)
September 27	Year End Party!!!
September 29	Final Re-Rating Session
October 4	House League (6—9 pm)
October 5	Club Officially Closes
October 19	Mixed Doubles Tennis Access Tournament

Coach's Corner

The ABCs of Return of Serve

'First in' is a way of life for many people at DTC, and by consequence, we often neglect practicing our return of serve. Here are some tips for improvement. Return stances are very individual and require adjustment based on the situation. However, the farther the server positions towards the sidelines, the more the returner should tilt in that direction.

This also applies to moving forward into the return. It is important to try to adjust this orientation and movement relative to the server. Most servers have patterns, and you want to get yourself in position to return with your strong side stroke when possible.

The ABCs: Moving forward during the servers' toss

A - "**Zoom in**" on the toss –focus on the ball during the toss; this helps to time your forward movement forward to make good contact.

B - "**Drift in**" during the toss – First; position yourself four to six feet behind where you want to make contact. Second; move forward slowly just as the ball leaves the servers' hand.

C - "**Split step**" when the server makes contact – a split step gives a quick first step, and gets your feet in position before hitting.

Moving forward encourages the diagonal movement needed to cut off the angle of the wide serves. If you move forward, you will tend to automatically move diagonally to cut off the angle, and your returns will be better for it.



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 22th day of September, 2008 at Hodgson Public School, 282 Davisville Ave. E., and any adjournment thereof.

Print Name: _____

Signature of member: _____

Dated: _____, 2008

Please mail this form to be received by Fri., Sept. 19 to:

The Secretary	or deliver to the Secretary, who will
Davisville Tennis Club	receive proxies in the Clubhouse from
P.O. Box 67056	7:00-9:00 pm on Fri., Sept. 19, 2008.
2300 Yonge St.	Proxies not received by this date and
Toronto, ON	time will not be accepted.
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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.