

# Topspin

The official newsletter of Davisville Tennis Club

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## Bring on the 2009 Season!

### 2009 Registration

#### **Returning Member - ACT NOW**

Registration for the 2009 season begins on February 1st. Applications can be made online (our preferred method) or by using the attached application form (page 5).

Application forms and payments must be received in our offices by March 15 to secure your spot.

#### **New Member Applicants and Waiting List**

Registration for new members and for those on the waiting list opens on February 20. Membership applications and payments must be received in our offices by March 15. People seeking membership in 2009 are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

New members will be accepted into the club starting on March 16 in the order that they appear on the waiting list.

We currently have a waiting list of 300 potential members and so we expect to be sold out by March 16.

**Don't wait, sign up now!**

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### Preparation Day

*Saturday April 11, 2009*

Help us get Davisville Tennis Club ready for an exciting 2009 season. We are looking for volunteers to help us get prepared, set up the courts, fill our new shed, set up tag boards and ensure the club is ready for the onslaught of members the following weekend.

If you are able to assist, we would love to see you there. The fun starts at 10am.



### Opening Day

*Saturday April 18, 2009 - 10am*

*Opening Day Party - 8pm til late*

#### **Why should I come to Opening Day?**

Whether you are a new member, or a seasoned DTC veteran, opening day is your first (and perhaps the best) opportunity of the season to connect with your fellow members, and to set a foundation for an exciting and fun-filled summer of tennis at the best tennis club in the City of Toronto.

For new members, it's a chance to get a

full orientation of the club including: how the tag up system works, information on ladders, house leagues, group lessons, clinics, social events, parties, dress code, private lessons, tournaments, intercounty and more! Bring your racquet with you. There will be lots of people around to play with and meet. This is the start to your season!

There will also be vendors there with the latest equipment for you to try and other surprises that will remain surprises unless you come out to discover what they are!

If you come before 2:00 in the afternoon - remember not to eat! Breakfast and lunch are both on us.

The party in the evening is an opportunity to kick back and relax. There will be draws for prizes (good ones!) and (weather permitting) a patio to occupy for extended periods of time. Please come and join us! (Location to be Announced)

Returning members - welcome back! We hope to see a lot of your smiling faces on opening day and throughout the year. What's in it for you? Please see above!

If you would like to help us with Opening Day, please do not hesitate to contact Vince at [vicepresident@davisvilletennisclub.com](mailto:vicepresident@davisvilletennisclub.com).



# Economic Times Make Our Support Even More Important

Money raised from last year's Davisville Cup has been put to good use by the Doug Philpott Fund for Inner City Children's Tennis. Davisville members raised an incredible \$15,000 to support free tennis camps to young people all around the city of Toronto. The camps offer kids an introduction to the sport of tennis with professional coaching, racquets and balls.

These kids often come from neighbourhoods where families can't afford to send their kids to sport camps or arrange tennis lessons. The game of tennis would never be an option to many of these children and youth, without the free camps provided by the Doug Philpott Fund.

During the weeklong camps, kids get a chance to be active, learn a new sport and be coached by positive

role models. Some of the older youth come back to help the coaches with the camps. This introduces our city youth to leadership roles where they can make a positive impact in the life of a younger child.

This summer, these camps will be even more necessary as the economic times force more families to rethink their spending and ability to send their children to day camps and sport camps.

The ability to provide free tennis camps will be even more important.

Thank you Davisville for being so generous. Your support means that young people will have positive opportunities through tennis in our community this summer.



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# What's going on in 2009

## President Stuart Teather

The long winter months that cover us with snow and darkness always seem a little closer to ending when we send out our membership

newsletter. Suddenly, all of the planning that the board has been doing for the coming year commands more urgency as we know that February will soon lead to March and then quickly into April. Davisville will be back in business in less than 3 months.

The 2009 season promises to be a good one! We are aiming to make several on court improvements including getting the lights fitted with new bulbs and having them repositioned. The addition of the new shed by the courts will allow us to be more reactive to on court needs and will allow us to make changes within the club house at the same time. We also have some new programming that should serve to add a different twist to this year. A complete update of all of the trophies and plaques is also under way and will bring us completely up to date.

Membership is opening and closing earlier this year for returning members and your application form is enclosed. It does save us considerable time inputting your data if you sign up online and so we hope that you will take advantage of that option if possible.

Suggestions for the upcoming season are always welcome and now is a good time for them. We are always looking for good new ideas so that what we do as a club reflects what you want from a club. You can send them to me, or to any other of the board members.

The calendar contained within this newsletter is a handy tool to keep close by to reference the big events planned at the club for the year. Of course, your special moments can happen any time and so we welcome returning members



and new members alike to come and use the club and help to make this the vibrant place that we are so proud of. It all starts on April 18!

I look forward to seeing many of you before then and then all of you a lot afterwards. Until then, take care,

## Stuart

[president@davisvilletennisclub.com](mailto:president@davisvilletennisclub.com)

## Vice-President Vincent Cooney

I've learned a lot in my first year on the Board, and in my second season, I intend to make good on promises from last year. For instance, getting

uniforms for court stewards is at the top of my priorities list. I am also working to make opening day more relevant for members, whether new or returning, and to give everyone a reason to come out that day.

Every effort will be made to clarify club policies so that the club runs even more smoothly this season. The club is taking steps to be proactive on governance and policy issues, but you can help me to be more reactive by contacting me via email (below) with any comments or concerns as the season progresses.

As a final note, the tennis season might only be 6 months long, but the conditioning season is a year-round



effort. Make sure to stretch and get in some cardiovascular activity over the winter to keep those injuries at bay for the coming tennis season. Enjoy what's left of the winter. I will see you in April!

## Vince

[vicepresident@davisvilletennisclub.com](mailto:vicepresident@davisvilletennisclub.com)

## Membership Alireza Nahavandi

Our club becomes more popular each year. We currently have more than 300 people on our waiting list which is an increase of almost 350% from the 2007 list. This is really amazing considering that it was only 4 years ago that we still had spots available at the end of the season.

Our membership sold out last year on the first day we opened registration to new members. We expect the same thing to happen again this year. To avoid disappointment, we encourage you to register as soon as possible. No exceptions will be made for registrations arriving to us after the cutoff date of March 15.

Also, please take advantage of our online registration system to help us process the applications faster and easier. See you soon!

## Alireza

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## Looking for a Summer Job?

Want to work outdoors? Outgoing and friendly? A self starter? Davisville Tennis Club is looking for court stewards for the coming season. What we offer: 15-20 hours on evenings and weekends in a pleasant work environment and a competitive hourly salary. If you aren't afraid to get your hands dirty, send your cover letter and resume to

[vicepresident@davisvilletennisclub.com](mailto:vicepresident@davisvilletennisclub.com)

*Interviews will start in late-February.*

# More news from your Board Members

## Treasurer Amitabh Bhatnagar (A.B.)

I am commencing my fifth term as Treasurer. My responsibilities include

accounting, banking, payroll, accounts payable and generally, overseeing the finances of the club.

2008 was a great year for the club from a financial perspective. Members can be confident that we are very well positioned for 2009 and beyond.

See you on the courts!

## A.B.

[treasurer@davisvilletennisclub.com](mailto:treasurer@davisvilletennisclub.com)

## Player Development Jeff Coutts

I am very pleased to be beginning my first year on the Board. With the assistance of my Chairperson,

Stephen Hudovernik, we can all look forward to a fun filled, exciting and lively 2009 season that will include 12 scheduled House League events, an active tennis ladder, group (and individual) lessons and clinics for all types of shots and all levels of players! In the meantime, we are trying very hard to schedule more Winter Tennis events so as to keep all of our games sharp for April 18th. Keep checking the website for further details in that regard.

I look forward to seeing everybody on Opening Day to sign up for the season for the Ladder, the first set of Group Lessons and to learn more about House League. If you do not yet have a Player Rating, please come and be rated by our Club Pro. That way you will know



your skill level, allowing you to more easily tag up with people of similar rating and begin to grow your circle of friends (and fun)!

Davisville is an outstanding tennis club, made so by our members. Please be part of our 2009 success.

See you all soon!

## Jeff

[playerdevelopment@davisvilletennisclub.com](mailto:playerdevelopment@davisvilletennisclub.com)

## Teams & Tournaments Alexandra Eisenbichler

I am honoured to once again be serving as your as your Teams and Tournaments

Director along with my Vice Chair Spencer Macnaughton. We are both looking forward to building on the improvements made last year in order to ensure that the teams and tournaments are even more successful in the 2009 season.

We invite anyone who has any suggestions on how to improve the teams and/or tournaments to contact Spencer or me directly so that we may respond promptly.

Furthermore, in the next month or so I will be posting team tryout information as well as 2009 tournament information - so keep your eyes open!

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable winter!

## Alexandra

[teams@davisvilletennisclub.com](mailto:teams@davisvilletennisclub.com)



## Social

## Laura Quinn

I am happy to commence my first year as Social Director and am excited for a 2009 season full of fun social events! DTC has an amazing

culture that is built upon the love of tennis, and knowing how to have a good time! As an active participant in social activities in years past, I know what a great group of people this club has.

With the help of my Chairperson, Jeff Holz, our goal for the 2009 season is to get everyone out to enjoy a blend of social activities that will be fun, unique and interesting. I want to make this season one that is as inclusive and welcoming as possible. DTC has many members that have been with the club for a long time as well as many new members that join each year so come out and get to know one another this year on and off the court.

We have already had a very positive response from many members who have expressed interest in joining our social committee for the 2009 season and are looking to firm up our group as soon as possible. If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please contact me at [social@davisvilletennisclub.com](mailto:social@davisvilletennisclub.com) or 416-889-7791. Or, if you have any ideas that you think would be in the best interest of FUN please let me know what they are as we're always open to fresh new ideas. I look forward to a great 2009 season.

## Laura

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**Want to challenge and improve your tennis skills?**  
Join the Tennis Ladder, compete in a Tournament, try out for a club team, join us for House League... and tag up!



# 2009 Registration Form on Reverse



**Application Forms and Payment  
must be received in our offices  
by March 15  
to secure your spot.**

Mail your cheque and application form to:

**Davisville Tennis Club**

Attn: Membership

P.O. Box 67056

2300 Yonge Street

Toronto ON M4P 1E0

**Please consider using  
the online application form  
available at**

**[www.davisvilletennisclub.com](http://www.davisvilletennisclub.com)**

Online applications are faster and easier to process.

The Board of Directors - Cont'd ...

## Communications Glen Thomas



2009 will be my first full year as Communications Director for the club after taking on the post midway through last year. This year I will continue to focus on improving the quality and timeliness of club communications.

To that point, I will also be getting the Membership Directory out much earlier. In fact, my target is not long after opening day. If you know of anyone who may be interested in advertising in our directory, please contact me. I am also looking for a front cover photo for the Directory - please send me your submissions.

You can also assist throughout the year by sending me your great photos, stories or any other information you feel can be shared with club members. Communications is two-way street not just a crazy guy in a sombrero... see you all at opening day!

**Glen**

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## Would you like to be more involved in Davisville?

Davisville is more than just a Tennis Club, it's a community; a community which supports and encourages members of all levels, new and returning; a community which celebrates success and treats everyone with respect; a community which socializes and enjoys each other's company.

There are numerous ways that you can become more involved in this community from captaining a Davisville Cup team to squeegeeing courts, from volunteering on the social committee to simply providing feedback and suggestions, from umpiring a tournament match to maintaining the cleanliness of the courts... it all counts.

Have a chat with a board members or chair to find out how you can be more involved.



## DTC 2009 Members Directory

We are aiming to have the 2009 Directory available during the first few weeks of the season ... but we need your help!

### Call for Photographs (Front Cover)

Are you a photographic genius, an amateur snapper, or just someone who found some brilliant DTC related shot on their camera the morning after a party? Well, we want to consider your photo for the front cover of this year's directory. Please send suitable photos to Glen Thomas at [communications@davisvilletennisclub.com](mailto:communications@davisvilletennisclub.com).

### Call for Advertisers

The membership directory is a great opportunity for you to promote your company, business or other pursuits. A full range of full page and half page ads are available ranging in price from \$250 - \$50. So please contact Glen Thomas or Stuart Teather for more details.

# 2009 Event Calendar

Apr 11	Preparation Day	Jul 25	House League (6 - 9 pm) & Social
<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>OPENING DAY &amp; PARTY</b>	Jul 27	Re-Rating Session
Apr 21	Intercounty Team Tryout # 1	Aug 7-9	Class A Tournament
Apr 23	Intercounty Team Tryout # 2	Aug 10-16	Men's A & C Singles, Women's B Singles
<b>Apr 25</b>	<b>House League (6 - 9 pm)</b>	Aug 15	House League (6 - 9 pm)
Apr 28	Intercounty Team Tryout # 3	Aug 17-23	Rogers Club
Apr 30	Intercounty Team Tryout # 4	Aug 24-30	Women's A & C Singles, Men's B Singles
<b>May 2</b>	<b>House League (6 - 9 pm)</b>	Aug 29	House League (6 - 9 pm) & Social
<b>May 9</b>	<b>Party!</b>	Aug 31	Re-Rating Session
<b>May 23</b>	<b>House League (6 - 9 pm)</b>	Sep 5	House League (6 - 9 pm) & Social
May 25	Re-Rating Session	Sep 8-13	Masters Tournament
<b>May 30</b>	<b>House League (6 - 9 pm)</b>	Sep 19	House League (6 - 9 pm) & Social
<b>Jun 6</b>	<b>DAVISVILLE CUP / SOCIAL</b>	Sep 21	Re-Rating Session
Jun 13	House League (6 - 9 pm)	Sep 28	Annual General Meeting
Jun 20	World Team Tennis	<b>Oct 2</b>	<b>YEAR END PARTY!!</b>
Jun 22-27	Mixed Doubles Tournament	Oct 3	House League (6 - 9 pm) & Social
Jun 29	Re-Rating Session	<b>Oct 4</b>	<b>Club Officially Closes</b>
Jul 6-12	Women's A & C Doubles, Men's B Doubles		
Jul 11	House League (6 - 9 pm)		
<b>Jul 18</b>	<b>Mid-Summer Party</b>		
Jul 20-26	Men's A & C Doubles, Women's B Doubles		

NOTE: Dates and Events are subject to change. Please check the Davisville website for updates.



**2009 YEAR END AWARDS GALA**  
Friday 02 October, 2009

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House League
 
 Important Date
 

★ Party
 

🏆 Tournament