

## **TENNIS LADDER 2011**

The ladder is intended to give members an opportunity to play against a variety of players in a competitive environment. This is a singles ladder with both female and male competitors. There will be a prize for the top female and top male player at season end.

**Duration:** The ladder will commence May 16, 2011 and end on September 30, 2011

### **How does the ladder work?**

Players wishing to compete on the ladder sign up with clubhouse attendant. When first published, the ladder will list players in descending order of skill level according to their self-rating. Anyone joining after May 14 will be placed at the bottom of the ladder.

Players must play at least one ladder match each month. A player may challenge another player who is up to 5 rungs ahead. E.g. if you are # 9 on the ladder, you may challenge #4, #5, #6, #7 or #8. If you beat them, you take their place on the ladder and they go down one rung. If they beat you, nothing changes.

Once a challenge has been made, both players must find a mutually acceptable time and date for the match. Please check the monthly calendar on the website to determine when you are most likely to find courts available.

If a player does not respond to a challenge within 48 hours, the challenger has won by default. If two players set a time to play and one does not show up, the one who showed up has won. If a player does not play at least one match in a month, they will be removed from the ladder.

### **Ladder Matches**

- a) All ladder matches are played during a regular 40 minute court session.
- b) The winner is the first to win 8 games by a margin of 2, e.g. 8-6, or the player who is ahead at the end of 40 minutes, e.g. 5-4.
- c) The format is “sudden death” – at deuce, the players play one more point to decide the winner of that game.
- d) If the score reaches 8-8, players play a 12 point tiebreaker.
- e) If the score is tied at the end of the 40 minute period, the players play one more point to decide the winner.
- f) Results of all ladder matches must be reported to the Clubhouse Attendant who will record the results then adjust the ladder. It is the responsibility of both players to ensure that the match scores are reported immediately after the match.

### **Injuries/Vacation**

Players who become injured and unable to play or who are going on vacation, should inform the Clubhouse Attendant who will mark them as “unavailable” for a period of time. As soon as players are ready to resume playing, they should inform the Clubhouse Attendant.