



Moore Park Tennis Club Newsletter

The Friendly Tennis Club

Spring 2009

Serving Up Tennis!

Moore Park Tennis Club's 2009 Season
Opens Saturday April
25th with a Round
Robin and Barbeque,
from Noon to 3 p.m.
We are the Friendly
Tennis Club!

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Club Hours:

Mon-Sat: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Clubhouse Hours:

Mon to Fri: 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Sat, Sun: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Message from the President

It's my great pleasure to welcome you back to Moore Park for the 2009 season of tennis in the park. Your Executive Committee has a lot in store for our club this year, so we hope to see you out showing your support at our round robins, barbecues, team matches, ladder matches, and tennis games with your fellow Friendly Tennis Club members!

Bharat and Jane, our new competitive teams Directors, will be bringing a fresh approach to the Moore Park teams and ladders, and will be in regular contact with you to encourage strong member participation at all levels. Larry Pick has taken over control of facilities and will be getting new nets for us and will be re-surfacing the courts to bring our club back into top condition.

Club Pro Sasha Gomelyuk will be back to help support the growth of your game again this year, and we're glad to welcome back Nicole and Chris to manage the clubhouse and courts for another year. New for 2009, we're dropping the \$5.00 guest fee (up to 5 visits per guest), to encourage prospective new members to experience what we love so much about the club. In consideration of the difficult economic times, **we're also dropping the new member fee - from \$190 to \$175!** We hope you'll bring out your winter tennis friends, share your love of the game with your neighbours and colleagues, and encourage them all to join the Friendly Tennis Club!

Another initiative your Directors are going to tackle is the re-vamping of the MPTC website. We hope to dramatically upgrade the feel and functionality of the site to keep you better informed of club activities and to better serve your interests as members.

The Opening Day Barbecue and Round Robin are scheduled for Saturday April 25th - mark it in your calendars now! That means the most exciting day in tennis, the "Raising of the Nets" (and *new ones*) will be happening the weekend of April 11th (rain day April 12th). There's only one way to be first on the courts this year - be there to help Peter Dean and the rest of our loyal volunteers for this day of cleaning and camaraderie on the courts!

Lastly, I'd like to personally invite you to help make our club great - we're only as good as our volunteers! If you have a few hours to spare, we'd love to have your contribution. Please contact me, or any of the Directors, to discuss what's involved and if you may be interested.

See you on the courts!

John Akitt
President
Moore Park Tennis Club

Teams and Tournaments

With outdoor tennis only a few months away we are busy planning a season that will hopefully knock your socks off! As first time members of the board we are eager to implement our ideas and get things underway!

You'll be happy to hear that many of your favourite activities (round robins, ladders, and house leagues) will be returning for another year. We also plan to introduce some exciting new events and activities...pancake breakfasts, barbeque lunches, and fun monthly tournaments (with prizes).

As strong believers of getting involved and having fun, we can assure you that the more you participate in club activities the more rewarding your tennis experience will be. We recognize the fact that you can't participate if you don't know what's going on or coming up. With this in mind we plan to always offer you advance notice of the upcoming events and would encourage you to stop in at the club house on a regular basis to keep yourself informed. Remember, you don't have to be on the court to take an active role in our friendly tennis community, we'd love to see more of you on the sidelines, cheering on your club mates at the round robins, house leagues, community leagues, and the annual club tournaments.

The specific dates of the team tryouts, annual tournaments, and other club activities have not all yet been finalized; therefore, keep your eye on the Moore Park website for the most up to date information.

Jane & Bharat

Moore Park Tennis Club Adult Teams

Moore Park Tennis Club fields four evening teams (ladies, men's, and two mixed teams), as well as a ladies daytime team. These teams compete at various levels in three Toronto leagues. Team selection is based on tryout results, previous years' results (if applicable) and team commitment. Please note that a club member cannot be on more than one team in one season.

LADIES

The ladies team plays in Division 2 of the Toronto Ladies Tennis League from April to July. (www.tltl.org) All matches are ladies doubles. The team practises on Sundays from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm; matches begin at 6.30 pm on Monday evenings. Tryouts are held indoors in March/April. For more information, or to try out, please contact Cheryll Corness at cornessc@girlguides.ca H: 416-482-3645 O: 416-487-5281 x 218 before March 20.

The ladies daytime team plays in the C2 Division of the Toronto Ladies Tennis League from May to July. All matches are ladies doubles. Matches begin at 10:00 am on Wednesday mornings, practices are on Tuesday mornings. Tryouts will be during the last week of April. For more information, or to tryout, please contact Anita Pick at anitaspick@hotmail.com , or 416-440-4131

MEN

The men's team plays in the B1 division of the Toronto Men's Tennis League on Tuesday evenings from May to June. All matches are men's doubles. Tryouts will be held at the club on Sunday, April 12th weather permitting with April 19th as the backup date. Please contact Gard Shelley at gard.shelley@shelley.com or 416-447-6471 ext 223.

MIXED

Two mixed teams play in the Community League from late May to July. Matches include men's and ladies doubles, mixed doubles and singles. Matches are on Wednesday evenings. Tryouts will be held at the club on April 26th and May 3rd. For more information, or to try out, please contact competition@mooretennis.com

THE 2009 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Mark your calendar. This year's club championship Tournaments will be held the weekends of September 12th, 19th and 26th.

Early Bird Discount

Members, be sure to get your cheques in before the March 31st deadline and take advantage of our Early Bird Discount! By sending our cheques in early, we can all take advantage of a \$15 savings for each adult membership!



Let's reduce our impact on the environment!!

If you would like to receive club correspondence via email - please request by emailing membership@mooretennis.com. This way, we'll keep you in touch with club news and events.

Facilities Report

Under its arrangement with the City of the Toronto the club is responsible for resurfacing the tennis courts, replacing nets, and other routine maintenance items. It has been about eight years since the courts were last resurfaced and some say this task should be done every 5 years on average. In reality it is the wear and tear on the court surface that determines whether we resurface. Annually in the spring the courts are inspected for cracks, holes, pooling and ripples. Based on the condition of the courts last fall your board of directors does expect to contract for resurfacing this coming season. This will involve a shut-down of the club sometime during the playing season. Ideally this would be during early spring, but that time of year tends to be too rainy for the contractors; it is more likely that the work will be scheduled for late summer. The club has the funds set aside for the project. If you are a new member, please be aware that these funds have been saved over several years for this task. We hope when the job is complete to eliminate the "bird baths" on the surface which make for pooling and puddling on the courts, and longer drying time after rain. Finally we expect to have new nets with which to upgrade the quality of our play. With respect to overhead tennis court lights, the club expects to replace aging incandescent light bulbs which have lost their intensity. The light housings will be refurbished.

Lawrence Pick
Facilities Director

CALLING ALL INSTRUCTORS!

Moore Park Tennis club is currently looking to hire instructors for the upcoming Junior Program and Summer Camps. Programs run from May- June and July-September respectively. We are looking for instructors with a broad focus from recreational students aged 4 and up, to competitive players of all ages. If interested, please contact Marilyn Minos at juniors@mooretennis.com. Please include a copy of your resume and availability. All applicants must have their instructor certification.

Moore Park Tennis Club Junior Program

NEW THIS YEAR We are excited to announce that this year we are implementing QuickStart Tennis. QuickStart Tennis is a new format for introducing the sport to players aged 10 and under. For more information on this form of instruction visit www.tennisplayandstay.com/mini-tennis/quickstart-tennis.html .

For those Juniors over 10, we want to continue to develop skills in a fun format and teach them in a playing situation about position and tactics. On Opening Day we will be offering registration for the Tennis Toronto U12 and U18 Doubles League.

Mandatory registration for all Juniors is on Opening Day, which is Saturday April 25th from 9 am to 12 pm. For information on all the different class options and times please visit our website or contact our Junior Program Coordinator juniors@mooretennis.com.

TENNIS LESSONS: LEARN AND IMPROVE YOUR GAME!

Moore Park Tennis Club offers private lessons, semi private lessons, group lessons and clinics with our Club Pro Sasha Gomelyuk. Lessons are lively and they give a great workout too! To arrange lessons, contact Sasha at 416-481-5873. You'll see the results on the court!

CLUBHOUSE MONITORS

Welcome back Nicole Thornburrow and Chris Moir!

We are pleased to announce that both Nicole and Chris will be returning to Moore Park Tennis Club as Clubhouse Monitors in 2009.

Both were on hand last year to welcome new and returning members and help make 2008 a very successful season.

This year we have hired James Hunter to work as a part time Clubhouse Monitor, filling in for Nicole and Chris when required. Welcome James.

Moore Park Tennis Club Board of Directors

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