

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**  
***AGM Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023***

**NTC**

*Honor Rae – Social Activities*

NTC had 4 socials this year.

- Welcome Back Members in April.
  - Spring Fling in May.
  - French Open in June.
  - Hawaiian Open in August.
- Each event consisted of 2 hours of tennis doubles followed with a barbecue.
  - Approximately 15-24 members attended.
  - Unfortunately, Family Day and Canada Day were cancelled as we didn't have enough members sign up. (At our last executive meeting we decided we need at least 12 members to have a social).
  - I would like to thank the members who organized the tennis for the doubles, Jim Harding for Welcome Back members, Mike Grimwood for the Spring Fling, Peter and Marlene Grimwood for the French Open and Sherry Vanstone for the Hawaiian Open.
  - A big thanks to all the members who were involved with their contribution of delicious food and helping with clean up.
  - A special thanks to our volunteer student Sage Webber who helped me organize and was involved with various parts of the socials. Some of the photographs she took are posted on NTC Facebook page.

*Peter Grimwood - Tournaments*

(1) French Open: Saturday, June 10th

Nineteen members took part in our annual French Open Social Tournament. Always well supported, it is an event that features mix and match partnerships, friendly yet competitive tennis, and a pot luck barbeque with a French flavour at the end of play. Tennis balls and French wine were awarded by random draw as prizes.

(2) Mixed Doubles Tournament: Saturday, July 22nd

Ten partnerships participated in our first competitive tournament of the season. It continues to be the tournament that draws the greatest participation from our membership, with this year's event being strongly supported.

Balls, drinks, fruit, and light refreshments were provided by the club.

Originally scheduled for Saturday, June 24th, inclement weather forced postponement to July 22nd.

Tournament champions were Amy Kelleher and Peter Grimwood  
Engraved beer mugs were awarded to the winners.

(3) Men's and Ladies Doubles Tournament: Saturday, August 26th

Four partnerships in the Ladies draw, and eight pairs in the Men's draw took part in this tournament. In years past, it proved difficult to field sufficient entries to run these two events. That was not the case this season, and a big thank-you goes out to all those who took part. As always, NTC provided balls and light refreshments.

Ladies Doubles champions were Margot Wax and Lisa Webber.

Men's champions were Andreas Meyer and Peter Grimwood.

Engraved beer mugs were awarded to the winners.

(4) Men's and Ladies Singles Tournament: Saturday, September 9th

The last competitive tournament of the summer had four women and eight men competing in their respective events. Again, it was nice to have member interest shown in this tournament, as lack of numbers in past years had often forced cancellation of the competition.

Ladies champion was Amy Kelleher.

Men's champion was Lukasz Godlewski.

Engraved beer mugs were presented to the winners.

### *Kate Sapojnikov – House League*

House league update on September 19, 2023:

1. We had a new format in 2023 which changes in both the format and the schedule. A group on WhatsApp was created where the club members can register for a night. A flat fee for the season is 10 dollars.
2. Run it through the season on Mon and Wed nights, 7 till 8-30 pm.
3. There are 51 registrants who have access to the system, some attended only once and did not pay the \$10.00 fees.
4. The first game was planned for May 1, 2023. Since that date, there were 41 events. From 41

total (so far), there were 8 cancellations, 11 times the courts were full and 22 times the courts were not full. There was an issue noted with last minute cancellations, however “no shows” were rare.

5. It requires up to 4 people to run the league through-out the season due to vacations and other commitments.

6. Noted that the range of players ability is very wide. We need to keep the Beginners vs. Advanced players set up. Two days is a good format.

7. Over all the new registration system works fine, and there is a great interest to the house league - 51 people showed interest and signed up for it.

8. Looking forward to the new season and hope for better participation.

9. Big thanks to Kim Todd, Kim Wilson and Mike who helped to run the league.

Please let me know if any questions or concerns.

### *Lisa Webber – Juniors*

There was a sad lack of participation in the junior program this year. We did very similar programming to the year before but we could not gain more participation through the season. We had our best turn out the first Friday in May with 7 kids and most night there were the same two kids showing each week. Thank you Ben and Ricki!! (and Kathy and Warren!)

The Family welcome bbq in the spring was cancelled due to low registration. A recommendation was put forward to combine the Family bbq with the Canada Day event, reserve one court for Paula to run kids games and the other three for adults.

It is difficult to understand the lack of participation this year when we had such strong participation last year with the same activities and similar membership. It may be that the Friday nights are not the best nights after all and junior drop-ins should be experimented on a different night. While we had a generous budget, there has only been \$120 in expenses to date. Expense report to be submitted October 13.

Recommendations for next year:

🕒 Cut back food on junior drop-ins to snacks and drinks. The meal interrupts the tennis too much

and it doesn't seem to draw a crowd!

🕒 Try a different night and maybe a different time to draw more families to come out and play. Possibly include some family play court that could include some younger players.

🕒 Consider spending some budget on engaging Paula to draw out more players with organized games for younger kids and challenges for older kids.

The junior club championship tournament was held on September 30 with two juniors participating. Ben Kaino is our junior champion for the 2023 season in the U18 group. Congratulations Ben!

Marketing to families was similar this past year with emails, flyers, and a family membership donation going to Brookville and Hitherfield Schools. The Brookville fundraiser with the family membership donation was held in September and the NTC donation had 6 separate families bidding which is a great sign of interest from the community. The membership winning bid was \$170.

I will be handing the reins of Junior Executive over to Warren Kaino and Kathy (Ricki's mom) for the 2024 season. Thank you Warren and Kathy for being there throughout the past two years

and I hope you have lots of fun and junior participation in 2024!

### *Sherry Shannon Vanstone - ICTA*

Ladies A team finished playing this season on August 16, 2023. We played 14 weeks without any byes. We were challenged again this year in the availability of court 1 players and several injured players including me. Good news is that we were able to recruit a few new players this season who had previously played for B teams. It is not clear whether we will be in A or B next year.

### *Jim Harding - Maintenance*

Thanks to those who assisted with court setup in April. (Fred Pritchard, Charles Pley, Kim Wilson, Honor Ray, Kathy and Jim Harding)

Thanks to Maria Postma for keeping the clubhouse in supplies and to Heather who has done a great job cleaning.

Also, thanks to the Town of Milton who responds to water, lighting, etc. requests promptly and efficiently.

Kim Wilson and the garden crew did another great job with flowers this year.

Two projects that should happen this fall are relining the parking spaces and re-coating the floors in the clubhouse (to be done after we close for the season).

The club applies to the community fund this year and received funding from the Town to purchase 4 benches for the courts (thanks Regina) and to purchase a Gazebo (thanks to Kim Wilson and his crew). The set up was completed October 25, 2023.

Club closing will take place late October or early November depending on weather. Date to be announced later.

### *Kathy Harding – Memberships*

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### *Fred Pritchard – Treasurer*

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