

VERNON TENNIS ASSOCIATION (VTA)

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RETIRING PRESIDENT'S PASSING SHOTS

LIGHTS...CAMERA...ACTION

Our AGM had it all! 30 members and guests attended our AGM on April 19.

LIGHTS: It was announced that after 6 years of trying, we NOW have PUSH BUTTON LIGHTS on the courts at Marshall. A few kinks need to be worked out, and Joe, Mike, and Graham are in contact with our City officials. DO go try them out.

CAMERA: A photo was taken of our newly elected Board members. Two new faces were added as Wendy Bell and Ron Burton joined the Board. We have a new slate of officers. President: Graham Cooper; Vice President: Marsha White; Secretary: Susan Gouchee; Treasurer: Paul Boyko. Other Board members are Jackie Labuhn (Communications), Joe Fabi, Facilities, along with Mike Kozlowski and Graham. Myron Hocevar is our tenth Board member.

We thank Jack Curry and Marian Wilson for their service over the past 2 years as they chose to resign from the Board. Jack worked with high school students at Fulton and offered some beginner lessons, and Marian was an organizer and got hats with our logo for the tournament winners each year.

ACTION: Our members voted to ratify the AMENDED CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS of the Vernon Tennis Association as an ORDINARY SOCIETY, as required by the BC Societies Act. All constitutions will now be on-line. Thanks to Jackie, Graham, and Marsha for their work on this unusual project.

MORE ACTION: Our VTA was awarded \$4500 to purchase quality wind screens with grommets and wind flaps for Marshall Tennis Courts. The application to the 55+ Games Legacy Grants was successful! League nights were adjusted due to requests by our members. The BOARD always wants input to better our VTA. THIS IS OUR 10TH YEAR OF LIGHTS—CAMERA—ACTION!

Your retiring and very appreciative president for all the growth opportunities,
Marsha White



2018 VTA Board of Directors – the “Motley Crew”
(left to right) Paul Boyko, Ron Burton, Mike Kozlowski, Joe Fabi, Marsha White, Susan Gouchee, Wendy Bell, Jackie Labuhn & Graham Cooper.
Missing from photo: Myron Hocevar.

PASSING SHOTS FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

For the past year Marsha has indicated that she would be moving to Tacoma but I feel in our hearts we were all hoping that this would not happen but then knowing it was inevitable. Marsha, thank you so much not only for your leadership but for ensuring in so many ways that tennis is able to thrive in our community. I know you have not done it alone but your dedication to the development of our sport is an inspiration to us all. Marsha, thank you for staying on the Board as the Vice-President until you move.

Just a reminder to everyone the importance of going to the Vernon Rec website. To sign in to have your say click onto https://www.engagevernon.ca/gvrecplan?fb_page_type=project&fb_tool_id=4510 . For completing the household survey click onto <https://ca.surveygizmo.com/s3/50024213/greatervernonpublic> . My own feeling is we certainly need 4 more courts at Marshall Field plus an indoor facility. Getting these items in the Master Plan is just the first step, but I believe it is necessary. This is the Master Plan that will run to 2033.

Just a reminder to everyone who is signing up to the VTA this year, it is just a simple matter of going to our web site. Thanks to Jackie Labuhn and Mikey Arce for

all of the work they are doing to keep our web site current.

I'm sure looking forward to another great season. See you on the courts.

Graham Cooper, President

All VTA members rate themselves.

If you joined the VTA a few years ago and your rating is out of date; you have been taking lessons or believe you have improved significantly over this past season, please let us know and your rating will be changed on the Membership List.

We have exciting plans for the 2018 season, starting with the welcome barbecue on Saturday, May 5 at 10:00 am. to noon at Marshall Field Courts. No registration necessary – just come out, meet other players, hear what the VTA has to offer, play some fun tennis and stay for hot dogs.

Our lists are only as current as the information we receive from you upon registering. Tennis Self-Rating charts can be found on our website: www.vernontennis.com or on the TennisBC website: www.tennisbc.org

All plans take people willing to implement them. Now that we have an updated website, you can register for your membership or register for the junior program on-line; and volunteer under “contact us” or through the new e-mail vtavernon@gmail.com

BALL MACHINE USE

The VTA has an electronic ball machine which our VTA members can use free of charge. If you wish to use the ball machine, please go on-line to our new website and use “**Contact Us**” to send a note including the date and time you would like to use the machine. Most days are available with the exception of Parks & Recreation morning tennis program times and VTA reserved time. The Coordinator will get back to you and let you know if that time is available and arrange for a brief session of instruction on its use if you haven't used it before.



Joe Fabi (centre) and Graham Cooper (left) Accepting the 55+ BC Games Legacy Grant

VTA MEMBERSHIP & RATING INFORMATION

VTA Membership Lists are only distributed to VTA Members for the purpose of arranging tennis games with other members. If you wish to have a 2018 Membership List, please contact the Communication Coordinator at: vtavernon@gmail.com



No more snow! We thought it would never go away. (left to right) Karin Schjelderup, Jackie Labuhn, Joe Fabi, Johan Schjelderup, & Ivan Probier

Please respect the privacy of all our members by not sharing the list with anyone other than VTA Members. Thank you.

Racquet Stringing - Jeremy Bell 250-503-5489

Tennis Instruction & Coaching

Murray Bennetto Pro./Coach/Instructor - 250-306-6476 bennetto@shaw.ca - Cost: \$50/hr. Private Lessons

Ricardo Leiva - Coach/Instructor - 250-308-4588 ricardoalbertaleiva@gmail.com

REMEMBER, if you change your phone number or email address let Jackie Labuhn, Communication Coordinator, know as soon as you can, so we can continue to keep in contact with you. vtavernon@gmail.com . Thank you.