

VERNON TENNIS ASSOCIATION (VTA)

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PRESIDENT'S PASSING SHOTS

Tennis is sure alive and well in Vernon. Many thanks to those who work so hard behind the scenes to organize the various events and make sure they run smoothly. We now have 105 members with 31 new members signing up this year. A big welcome to you all. I know some were interested in joining the 3.5 league but were not sure if they were good enough. If you feel you are a 3.5 then why not sign up as a spare and find out where you stand? At this time of the year, spares are in high demand.

I heard all about the June Fun Tournament....especially the pulled pork. Unfortunately, I could not be there as I was taking the instructor's course for our Junior Program. Congrats to all who participated and thanks to Marsha and Jackie for working so hard to pull everything together. Also, a very big thanks to Joe McFadden for your culinary expertise. I heard the pulled pork sandwiches were fantastic.

Our Season's End Fun Tournament will be held on September 22. More information will be coming out later but we are looking for someone to head it up. There are plenty of helpers. If you would like to take on this position please let Jackie Labuhn know. Doubles are played with each player serving once so only four games are played. Players then move onto different groups. Hey, you also could win some big cash. Last year Susanne Kaser won \$100 in a reverse draw. Who knows what might be won this year?

Please look to enter tournaments that are hosted by other clubs. It is not a matter of going out there to win, though that is always great, but really to take part and meet other players. Look how things work at other clubs and bring back ideas that will make our club stronger. We have some club members taking part in the 55+ Games in Cranbrook. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to hearing their results.

Myron Hocevar has indicated that he will be resigning from the Board due to other time commitments. Myron, thank you so much for your contribution and your insight. We wish you the very best.

We hope you are enjoying your time under the lights. This year if the first year we have not had to pay for them. We are expecting the new wind screens to be

installed in the very near future. Thanks to Marsha White for securing the grant to purchase them and to Joe Fabi for working with the City to get them ordered. Enjoy your time on the courts.

Graham Cooper, President

ATTENTION ALL VTA MEMBERS!

SEASON'S END WIND-UP TENNIS PARTY

Open to all VTA members and their families

Saturday, September 22, 2018

9:00 – noon (or later)

Put this date on your calendar NOW!

NO CHARGE for the Wind-Up

Let's get together for the last 'official' time with our friends and other VTA members. Tennis will continue until the snow flies (and sometimes after that too), but September 22 will be our last official event.

The Wind-up tennis format will be informal with everyone being able to play some doubles matches, getting to know VTA members you may not have met yet, and staying for a BBQ lunch.

We DO need to know how many to expect for food purchase, so please let Jackie know if you plan to attend (spouses too) – vtavernon@gmail.com .

You may be asked to bring a lunch item to share.

Volunteers needed?! We are looking for someone who will coordinate this informal Wind-Up. There is not much involved except to make sure things run smoothly on the day in question. You will have volunteers to assign to specific jobs like BBQing, keeping track of the tennis scores, putting out chairs etc. - that's about all. Jackie will give you a list of those participating and no money has to be collected. This is an 'easy-peasy' way for you to contribute to your own tennis club. Let Jackie know if you would help us out – vtavernon@gmail.com – there is always a Board member on hand to help you too. THANK YOU!

TUESDAY/THURSDAY
3.5 and 4.0+ LEAGUE TENNIS

Tuesday and Thursday Evening Leagues will continue through September 7. You can still sign up as a spare.

3.5+ League is Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. with Mike Kozlowski as coordinator. Most communication is done through e-mail. Contact Mike at - powder101@gmail.com

4.0+ League is Thursday evening at 7 p.m. with Blake MacLeod as coordinator. Contact Blake at - blakem@telus.net

RE/MAX-VTA "FUN" TENNIS TOURNAMENT
RESULTS

Our 10th Annual ReMax/VTA Member's Fun Team Tournament took place on **Saturday, June 23rd**. The weather was perfect, the tennis inspiring, and lunch unequalled.

This year we went with the theme just COLOURS!. Our 4 teams were **RED, GREEN, BLUE & PURPLE**. Each team consisted of 8 players ranging from 2.0 to 4.0 levels.

We congratulate the **PURPLE TEAM** who won the tournament with a score of 63 points. Team members:

Ben Johnson	Rudy Hagedorn
Lloyd Webber	Uriah Kane
Marsha White	Joe Fabi
Donna Stevens	Susan Gouchee

As always, the VTA is very thankful for the support from Murray Bennetto and his Re/Max office. Murray and his real estate team have done this for a number of years and we wish to thank them once again for their generous donation.

For lunch this year, Joe McFadden provided tasty pulled pork sandwiches which were really appreciated by the participants and spectators alike. A nice change from the usual hot-dogs. Thank you, Joe!

Thank you to all those who participated in the tennis, to those who brought delicious salads to share, to our enthusiastic audience members, and to those who donated other prizes. A special thank you to Marsha White and Jackie Labuhn who organized the tournament with help from Myron Hocesvar, Ron Burton, Susan Gouchee, Frits Bakker, Wendy and Jeremy Bell and others.

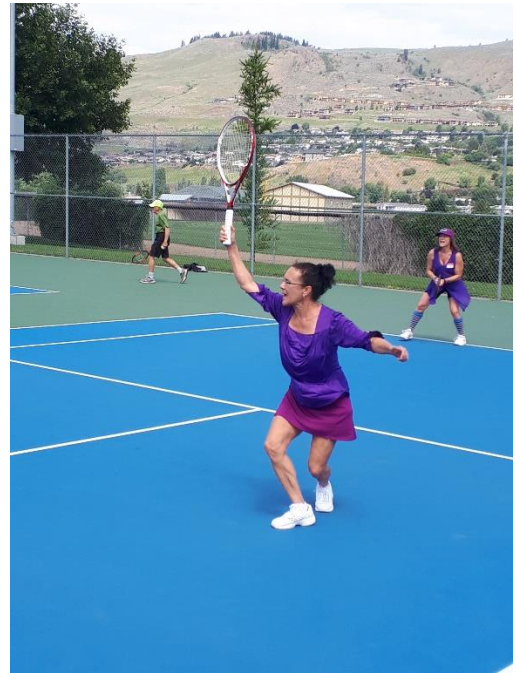
Thank you also to Tim Horton's for donating the coffee, Timbits, and supplies, which was picked up and

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delivered by Bonnie Anderson. Thank you once again, Bonnie.



Purple Team – Winners!
Blue Team Celebrating too



Susan Gouchee & Donna Stevens
Purple Team – June 23, 2018

VTA JUNIOR TENNIS PROGRAM
July and August, 2018

We are now in the 9th year of our junior program that is set up for 6 to 12-year olds. Many thanks to Jackie Labuhn for looking after the registrations.

Graham Cooper has taken on the role of instructor but without the assistance of Carol Jenkins and Susan Gouchee the program simply could not run. Thanks to all. Our program is the latest from Tennis Canada and is based on skill development and variety of tennis

activities that are geared to the ages of the players. It has been very well received by both the parents and players. All ready some of the 6-year olds can rally, while the older children are playing games. So, if you want to take on a 6-year old, swing by Marshall Field on a Wednesday morning, but bring your "A" game. Fun and exciting times for all!

RESULTS FROM TOURNAMENTS IN THE VALLEY AND BEYOND

KALAMALKA COUNTRY CLUB – CANADA DAY OPEN, JUNE 29 – JULY 1, 2018

- Gary Edwards won the B Singles.
- Gary Edwards and Pat Stich won the B Doubles.
- Gary Edwards won the B Mixed Doubles with partner Bonnie Anderson
- Jeremy Bell won the A Singles.
- Jeremy Bell and Dave Van Trump won the A Doubles.
- James Cotter won the A Consolation Singles.
- Liz MacArthur and Barb Klopfenstein won the Ladies B Doubles.

Garry Edwards (pictured with the trophy) scored the very rare "triple crown victory" A rare feat which hasn't been accomplished in over 30 years! Gary won all three "B" categories (Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles). Congratulations Garry!



Gary Edwards with his trophy

The VTA had 19 of its best tennis players competing in this tournament: Bonnie Anderson, Jeremy Bell, David Claeys, Graham Cooper, James Cotter, Leah Crampton, Ray Crampton, Gary Edwards, Peter Evans, Daryl Flindt, Ben Johnson, Kirbey Lockhart, Liz MacArthur, Joe McFadden, Blake MacLeod, Pat Neilson, Pat Stich, and Jon Widing.

Without them, there may not have been a tournament at all!!

Accolades to all of you.

ALPHA ZULU TOURNAMENT - July 13-15, 2018 MISSION TENNIS CLUB -KELOWNA

Here are the VTA winners and those who participated in the Alpha Zulu Tournament:

- Jeremy Bell – winner - Men's "A" Singles.
- Jeremy Bell and partner West Martin-Paterson – winners - Men's "A" Doubles.
- Joe McFadden and partner Kevin Hillman – finalists – Men's "A" Doubles.



Jeremy Bell, West Martin-Paterson,
Joe McFadden & Kevin Hillman

LAKEVIEW HEIGHTS – MIXED DOUBLES IN WEST KELOWNA - July 28-29

Joe McFadden and partner, and Gary Edwards and partner were the only VTA members to participate in this tournament. Our guys didn't have any big winners, but fun, good tennis and friendship was had by all.

SUNSHINE TOURNAMENT KAMLOOPS TENNIS CLUB, August 5-7, 2016

The Sunshine Open had little sunshine this year but the Kamloops Tennis Centre did manage to host the event despite the uncooperative weather. Cool temperatures, thunder, lightning, rainfall and smoke-filled skies combined for some challenges for the tournament organizers. Players travelled to Kamloops from several different places, including Merritt, Salmon Arm, Vernon and Prince George to compete in Singles, Men's and Ladies' Doubles and Mixed categories.

The Vernon Tennis Association was well-represented with Jeremy Bell, Jon Widing and Leah and Ray Crampton all participating. Joe McFadden (and dog, Molly) came out to support even though Joe was unable to play in the tournament due to an injury.

- Jeremy Bell won the A Singles by being victorious in his five Round Robin Singles matches, winning all matches in straight sets.
- Congratulations to all VTA players who participated and cheered for those competing.

Wendy Bell, contributing reporter

MIELE TEAM TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS **AT PREDATOR RIDGE**

The Miele Team Tennis Event is a TennisBC sanctioned tournament. It is a Province-wide tournament which invites each region (or tennis club) in BC to submit a team of players to compete first in playoffs with other teams from their region. Playoffs for the Okanagan Region were held in June at the Lakeview Tennis Club in West Kelowna.

Categories are as follows:

- Men: 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0, format is one singles and two doubles per match.
- Women: 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0, format is three doubles per match.
- The minimum number of players per men's team is 5. and the minimum number of players per women's team is 6.
- It is recommended that teams carry an extra player in case of injury.

The winning team at each level in each region qualifies for the Provincial Championship.

This year, the provincials are scheduled to be held as follows:

Men: August 17-19, 2018 at Predator Ridge in Vernon, B.C. (We have checked; spectators are welcome. Tournament runs from Friday evening to Sunday.)

Women: August 10-12, 2018 at Bear Mountain in Victoria, B.C.

A little VTA background information re: the Miele Tournament: In 2015 the Vernon Tennis Association put together a men's team to compete in the Okanagan Miele Team Playoffs held in Kelowna. The VTA team won the Okanagan playoffs and went to the Championships which were held in Whistler that year. Our team won all their tennis matches, but unfortunately were awarded Silver instead of Gold because of a player substitution (due to an injury) that was not allowed once the match commenced.

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BC 55+ GAMES – SEPTEMBER 11-15, 2018 **KIMBERLEY/CRANBROOK AREA**

The VTA has several members participating in this year's 55+ Games and we wish them well. In doubles competition: VTA members Ron Burton and partner, Joe Fabi and his partner Graham Cooper. Also playing: Rubin Weins, Ted Malenson, Diane and Wilf Steeves (all play in the V & P morning program at Marshall Field) – enjoy yourselves, have a good time and play your best games.

The VTA is looking forward to hearing all the results. Keep in touch when you are away.

BALL MACHINE AVAILABLE

REMINDER: Your VTA Membership includes free use of the ball machine. Check with a Board member or Jackie Labuhn 778-475-1371 or vtavernon@gmail.com for instruction on its use. The ball machine may be used any time when court #1 is free, or before, and after VTA reserved court times. Please record your use in the green binder next to the machine. Thank you.

NOTE to members: Please do not add balls to the machine as we only use 'gently used' balls. However, if you find a very soft or damaged ball in the hopper, please discard it in the trash. If you wish to donate 'gently used' balls, please leave them in their container and place in the bin on the court fence labelled "Used Balls". Thank you.



VTA MEMBERSHIP & RATING INFORMATION

VTA Membership Lists are only distributed to VTA Members, upon request, for the purpose of arranging tennis games with other members. Please contact Jackie Labuhn at vtavernon@gmail.com .

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

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.

RATING INFORMATION: All VTA members rate themselves. The Tennis Rating you entered on your registration form when you joined is what we use as your rating on our Membership List.

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 Jackie Labuhn know and your rating will be changed on the Membership List.

Our lists are only as current as the information we receive from you. Tennis Self-Rating charts can be found on the TennisBC website: www.tennisbc.org or on the VTA bulletin board at Marshall field.

**THINKING ABOUT GETTING THAT
RACQUET RE-STRUNG
OR TAKING SOME TENNIS LESSONS**

The conventional 'rule of thumb' is to restring as often per year as you play per week, but no less often than twice per year. It won't hurt your racquet to restring less often, but your strings might lose their responsiveness.

The following people are listed as tennis associated resources available in the area. The VTA does not endorse any of these resources. It is up to individuals to request qualifications.

Racquet stringing

Jeremy Bell
250-503-5489

jeremybell_1@msn.com

TENNIS INSTRUCTION & COACHING

Murray Bennetto
250-306-6476

Pro/Coach/Instructor
bennetto@shaw.ca
Cost: \$50/hr. Private Lesson

Ricardo Leiva
250-308-4588

Coach/Instructor
ricardoalbertaleiva@gmail.com



Our Oldest Member! Joe Fabi with his harem.

Usually found coffee 'klatching' at Tim Horton's
Picture taken after some rousing Touchtennis this past winter. Way to keep young, Joe!
(left to right: Carol A., Shirley N., Karin S., Jackie L., Susanne K., Joe, Bev B.)



**Action Shot! – look at that classic
court positioning!**

2018 Kal Club Canada Day Tournament
Top right – Ben Johnson (partner Antonio Braz)
Bottom left – Pat Stich, Bottom Right – Gary Edwards