

VERNON TENNIS ASSOCIATION (VTA)

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RE/MAX-VTA "FUN" TENNIS TOURNAMENT
10TH ANNUAL MEMBERS' TEAM TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018

9:00 am. to noon.

MARSHALL FIELDS COURTS

\$5.00/VTA MEMBER

Payable at the tournament

MORNING SNACKS AND LUNCH INCLUDED

Let us know if you can bring a salad or
dessert to share at lunch - thank you

(Out of town guests (\$10/person) may be accommodated if space available, but VTA members have priority.)

TO REGISTER FOR THE TOURNAMENT

REPLY TO: vtavernon@gmail.com

(You do not need a tennis partner, but please let us know if a family member or spouse will be staying for lunch.)

ALL LEVELS - MAXIMUM OF 32 PLAYERS
PARTICIPANTS WILL BE MATCHED WITH A
DOUBLES PARTNER AS CLOSE TO THEIR
PLAYING LEVEL AS POSSIBLE AND PUT ON A
TEAM OF EIGHT PLAYERS.

The THEME this year is **COLOURS**

- Entries close: 6:00 pm. **Monday, June 18th**
- You will receive an email after June 19th with your TEAM, team COLOUR and other members, and rules of play.
- Please try to dress appropriately for your team colour - **the more creative the better!** There are prizes for the most creative and fun outfit.
- All participants should be at Marshall Field by **8:45 am.** to sign-in and pay their \$5 fee.

- Coffee and cookies/Tim Bits or other snacks will be provided in the morning.
- Approximately 12:00 pm - a barbecue lunch (hot dogs, salads and dessert) will be supplied for all participants and guests. Someone may phone to ask you to bring a dish to share.

NOTE: IF THE TOURNAMENT HAS TO BE DELAYED OR CANCELLED, AN EMAIL WILL BE SENT TO YOU BY 8:00 AM ON SATURDAY MORNING.

If the weather looks questionable, please check your email before leaving for the courts.

PRESIDENT'S PASSING SHOTS

Well tennis is sure alive and well in Vernon. Many thanks to those who have been organizing our leagues and drop-in nights and of course the morning programs for Vernon Rec. Thanks also to our Board members who work behind the scenes to ensure our organization runs smoothly.

All of our programs are running close to max and this sure calls for the need for the four extra courts at Marshall that were in the Parks Plan of 2004. This plan was really just a blueprint for the future but that time has certainly now arrived. I don't want to build up any false hope but I do hope we are able to make progress in this area.

Joe Fabi, Marsha White, Mike Kozlowski and I met with the City regarding the wind screens. Many thanks to Joe Fabi who will continue to work with the City on this project. They are now on order. We are hopeful they might be installed by mid-July.

I am hoping to form a singles ladder. As people will be away during the summer, the plan will be that you can play a player up to three above you if the others between are not available. Matches will be the best out of three sets with a tied set being decided by a 7-point tie break. Matches would be played at whatever court is agreeable to both players. The plan would be to have the ladder finish by October 6. If you would like to be involved please email me. My email address is on the members list. I prefer not to put it on the website. Please let me know your rating (3.0, 3.5, 4.0 etc.) plus if you would like to be in mixed ladder, men's ladder or women's ladder.

Our children's summer program will now be held on Wednesdays at 9:00 starting on July 11 and running for 7 weeks. We are having more and more children signing up and are looking forward to putting on a great program for them. There is still room for more to sign up.

Enjoy your time on the courts.

Graham Cooper

Do you wonder if the courts are wet? Here is a help via Joe Fabi. *Rain, rain go away, come again another day, But if you stay, and we can't play.*

Check the airport for a wet runway!

The nearby airport has cameras that switch every 10 minutes. You can see them on their website. Visit www.vernon.ca then click Roads and Transportation, click Airport (on left), click Runway 23 live feed, Click VIEW Runway 23 East Camera. I recommend you check out the airport pics on a rainy day and a dry day to note the difference. Hopefully, now that you are prepared, we won't have any more rain-outs during tennis time.

VTA MEMBERS ALWAYS "WIN" IF THEY PLAY IN ONE OF THE MANY TOURNAMENTS IN THE VALLEY

The Vernon club posted some excellent results at the recent Lakeview Heights Open Tennis Tournament - May 19-21 in West Kelowna. The competition was very stiff with some of the best players from all over B.C. All the players would like to thank the Lakeview Heights Club for putting on such a great tournament. The food was amazing!

1st place Men's "B" Class doubles won by Ben Johnson (VTA) and partner Antonio Braz from Lake Country.

3rd place Men's "B" Class doubles went to Blake Macleod (VTA) and Ray Crampton (VTA).

2nd place Ladies "B" Class singles won by Leah Crampton (VTA).

2nd place Ladies "B" Class doubles went to Leah Crampton (VTA) and partner Zoe Wu of Kelowna.

In "A" Class Men's doubles the two Joe's; Joe McFadden (VTA) and partner Joe Schach of Kelowna made it to the semi-finals (final 4).

Graham Cooper (VTS) also played in the tournament and played well in men's "B" class singles.

Congratulations to all players! Thank you Ben for your great reporting.

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(Left to right) Ben Johnson, Antonio Braz (Lake Country), and Leah Crampton

VTA WEBSITE
ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION
And
NEW TOURNAMENT LISTINGS

As the Communication and Membership Coordinator I would like to thank all those who purchased their VTA membership on-line. It makes my life and Paul Boyko's life, our Treasurer, so much easier. As of the writing of this Newsletter there are 96 members registered; 26 of these members are brand new to the VTA. A very hearty welcome to all members old and new.

A new MENU PAGE has been added to our website for the convenience of those members who like to participate in, or spectate at, the Valley's Tennis Tournaments held at the various clubs in the region. Now's your chance to get your name in the Newsletter by participating in one of the many tournaments in the beautiful Okanagan Valley!

Check out [Tournaments in the Okanagan](#) on the website Menu. The same information is also listed in this Newsletter for one time only. Please use the contact information that is listed for each tournament. A big thank you to Wendy Bell and Graham Cooper for bringing this list together. Jackie Labuhn



OK VALLEY TOURNAMENTS

2018 TENNIS TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE, THOMPSON-OKANAGAN REGION

As a service to our members, tournaments in the area are listed. Pertinent information can be found on the websites which are detailed below. Some clubs are yet to finalize tournament dates and/or websites have not yet been updated.

June 2018

June 3 Salmon Arm TC - Rookie Tour - Junior
June 8-10 Kamloops TC – Reber Family Junior Champs
June 8-10 Miele Team Tennis Event, Lakeview Heights Tennis Club
June 16 Lakeview Heights TC - Rookie Tour – Junior
June 16-17 Lakeshore Racquets / Summerland-Greenwood Cup [M/W D]
June 23 Kamloops TC – Rookie Tour - Junior
June 23-July 1 Kelowna Futures ITF Event – Parkinson Rec Center

July, 2018

June 30-July 2 Kalamalka Country Club – Canada Day Open
Sat. & Sun. – M/W S&D
Mon. - Mxd
July 13-15 Okanagan Mission - Alpha Zulu [M/W S&D, Mxd]
July 27-29 Kamloops – ITF Wheelchair – Legacy Games
July 28-29 Lakeview Heights - Mixed Doubles

August, 2018

August 4-6: Okanagan Mission - Interior Open (ranking event, M/W S&D, Mxd)
August 11-13: Kamloops – Sunshine Open [M/W, S&D, Mxd]
August 1-19 Lakeview Heights – Challenger Junior Tournament

September, 2018

September 15-16 Penticton TC - Birks Cup [Men's Doubles]
September 15-16 Lakeshore Racquets Club/Summerland - Credit Union Cup [Women's Doubles]
September 22-23 Salmon Arm TC - Open Championships [M/W S&D, Mxd]
September 29 Kamloops TC – Rookie Tour - Junior

October, 2018

October 20 Kamloops TC – KTC Mixed Doubles Compass Cup

November, 2018

November 2-4 Kamloops TC – Joyce Hyslop Women's Doubles (Indoor)

November 17 Global Tennis Centre - Kelowna Rookie Tour - Junior
November 16-18 Kamloops TC – Singh Dalin Men's Doubles (Indoor)

December, 2018

December 1 Kamloops TC – Rogers Rookie Tour (Indoor)

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE THOMPSON-OKANAGAN TOURNAMENTS

Please contact each tournament coordinator directly if you wish to participate in a tournament. If no contact information is provided, please go to the relevant website for further details. Thank You.

Tennis BC is a great site to visit for general information on tennis in British Columbia as well as specific details on tennis development and tournaments (sanctioned and non-sanctioned) happening elsewhere in the province.

Tennis BC: www.tennisbc.org

Global Tennis Centre: www.globalfitness.com

Kalamalka Country Club/Vernon:
www.kalamalkacountryclub.ca
Gary Davidson – davidson4@telus.net

Kamloops Tennis Centre: www.kamloopstennis.com
Contact: info@kamloopstennis.com

Kelowna Futures Tennis Event:
www.kelownafuturestennis.com
Contact: Joachim Nierfeld – joachimnierfeld@shaw.ca

Lakeshore Racquets Club/Summerland:
www.lakeshoreracquetsclub.com
Brent Wisheart - wishheart@telus.net

Lakeview Heights Tennis Club/West Kelowna:
www.lakeviewheightstennis.ca
Kees den Otter – kdenotter13@gmail.com
Rosie Schaich - rosie_joe@shaw.ca [Junior Events]

Okanagan Mission Tennis Club/Kelowna:
www.okmissiontennis.org
Joachim Nierfeld – joachimnierfeld@shaw.ca

Penticton Tennis Club:
www.pentictontennisclub.com
Mattie Matheson – mattiem@shaw.ca

Salmon Arm Tennis Club:
www.salmonarmtennis.org
Winston Pain – wpwinston2@gmail.com
Or Marietjie du Plessis –
marietjieduplessis3@gmail.com

**THINKING ABOUT GETTING THAT
RACQUET RE-STRUNG**

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 tennis resource. It is up to individuals to request qualifications:

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

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 2016 Membership List, please contact the Communication Coordinator at: vtavernon@gmail.com . Please respect the privacy of all 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 us 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 our website: www.vernontennis.com or on the TennisBC website: www.tennisbc.org



Ray Crampton and Ben Johnson
Alain Brunnell & Jeremy Bell (in background)
4.0+ TENNIS LEAGUE – THURSDAY
Marshall Field

**Don't forget to sign up for the
VTA Fun Colour Tournament –
Saturday, June 23**

(see the information at beginning of Newsletter and on-line at www.vernontennis.com)

