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**PRESIDENT'S PASSING SHOTS**

I hope everyone is in good health, keeping safe and are able to keep in touch. These are sure difficult times and by the look of things not much will change in the immediate future.

What a difference a couple of months makes. While our plans mentioned in the February Newsletter, and our Annual General Meeting have been put on hold for the time being, they are certainly not cancelled. It is a matter of following the direction given to us by Dr. Henry and the authorities and looking how we can move ahead.

Where to for tennis? Tennis is in a rather unique position. We have been using social distancing for eons when we play. Anyone standing 2 meters from a player hitting a ball at them would not be the brightest. From what I understand, playing the game is not really a problem.

As I see it, there could be a concern when players change sides. Here, social distancing is a must. Further, I would also suggest that players have their tennis equipment at least 2 meters apart. I have noticed that some players now even leave their bags at the end of the court.

There has been concern with the virus being spread through players handling the tennis balls. I can give no direction here, but have seen players using gloves and others sanitizing their hands on each change of sides. Not using the same balls for more than one session is also a wise idea. I am looking for those in authority to give direction in this regard.

The important thing for everyone is to say safe.

Not just tennis but all sports need to look at what can be done to keep their players in shape, maintain their skills and where possible play that sport. Tennis is in a better position than many to make the necessary adjustments. Times have changed and we must be ready to move ahead with the new reality.  
Stay safe.

Graham Cooper

***What Do Star Tennis Players Do When They Are Not Playing In Tournaments?***

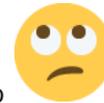
**Djokovic and others Complete Murray's 100-Volley Challenge**

April 10, 2020

Jamie Murray also partakes in the challenge. World No. 1, [Novak Djokovic](#), and former World No. 1, [Andy Murray](#), have played 36 times in their [ATP Head2Head series](#) (Djokovic leads 25-11). The two superstars have now competed against one another off the court, too. On Thursday, Murray challenged his fellow players and fans to hit 100 volleys back and forth with a partner in the confines of their homes or backyards while staying home during the coronavirus pandemic.

**100**

A challenge to all tennis players and fans... The volley challenge. There was no bickering during the



filming of the video , although I think the last volley was aimed at my head...

I can't be the only one that wants to see Rog and Mirka



hitting a few balls together...

***(Click on the time and date below each photo to see the video of each player.)***



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On Friday, Djokovic and his wife, Jelena Djokovic, answered the call.

**100**

Idemooo the volley challenge was too easy for

@jelenadjokovic haha bravo 🥳👏💪

Thanks for the fun nomination Kim and @andymurray!



Keep the challenges coming!!!

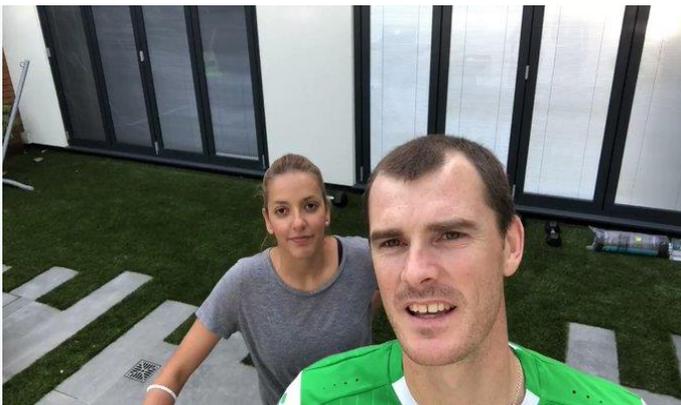
#100volleychallenge #tennisathome #stayhome #teamdjokovic #noflam



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They are not the only ones to complete the challenge, though. Murray's older brother, former doubles World No. 1 [Jamie Murray](#), couldn't pass up the opportunity.

"We beat you at Monopoly, we're never going to beat you at tennis," Murray said.



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(Reprinted from the ATP website)

**IF YOU ARE TAKING A BREAK FROM PLAYING TENNIS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER GETTING YOUR RACQUET RE-STRUNG NOW!**

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

***IMPORTANT NOTE:*** As Graham said in his opening *Passing Shots*; "While our plans mentioned in the February Newsletter, and our Annual General Meeting have been put on hold for the time being, they are certainly not cancelled."

Please check the website [www.vernontennis.com](http://www.vernontennis.com) for up-dates on when programs, leagues, drop-ins, lessons, membership and all things pertaining to the VTA will begin.

We appreciate your patience, understanding and flexibility during these trying times. Keep thinking positive thoughts.

