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PRESIDENT'S PASSING SHOTS

Well these have sure been difficult times not only for those people who have been playing tennis for quite some time, but also for those who have just started the sport. I know some players have been fortunate to form small groups and have been able to continue to play, but others have not been as successful. I did try to form up some groups, but with only limited success.

So, just for an update as to what has been happening. As I am sure you are well aware our board made the difficult decision not to run any programs this year because of concerns regarding COVID.

For the morning tennis programs run by the City, I contacted them shortly after they announced they were looking to restart their programs. It was indicated to me that they hoped to start the morning tennis programs on July 27. I offered to assist them where I could in getting the programs up and running. So far, they have not responded and unfortunately, July 27 has come and gone.

Regarding our junior development program, as the decision was made by the Board not to run any VTA programs this year, I contacted the City to get some information so I could book the courts myself for some lessons. I should mention here that I fully support the VTA Board's decision not to run any programs this year. It is, though, a little difficult to cancel all adult programs and then say "yes" to kids' lessons. However, I felt I could meet the requirements needed in coaching up to four children in a controlled situation. As I waited for a response from the City, time ran out. It was either not running a program at all, or run a program at Predator at the end of the season. I would like to thank Joachim Nierfeld at Predator Ridge Commons Racquet Club for making that facility available. However, as it is now late in the summer and I doubt I will have many children attend. Joachim has also offered to allow me to run a junior development at Predator in the Fall. I do intend to do this.

As I originally said, these are difficult times. The main thing is to stay safe, keep your "bubble" small, but continue to stay active. Tennis is a great game for all ages. We are continuing to find out more about COVID and cannot be too cautious. I am very hopeful that next

year we will be able to have strategies in place so some programs can be set up. However, we will need to see what programs are feasible and meet the requirements as given by Dr. Henry and Tennis BC at that time. Stay safe and enjoy playing tennis when you can.

Graham Cooper, VTA President



UTS – ULTIMATE TENNIS SHOWDOWN!

June 13 through July 12, 2020

The Ultimate Tennis Showdown was founded by Patrick Mouratoglou in 2020 as a way for tennis to continue safely during the Coronavirus pandemic. Rather than be conventional, this event will strive to engage with a younger audience with experimentation and innovation.

What is the Ultimate Tennis Showdown?

[Ultimate Tennis Showdown](#) is a new tennis event to be held in June at the Patrick Mouratoglou Tennis Academy in Southern France. Think of it as an experiment, and be ready for something different. [Mouratoglou](#) himself has described the event as a "laboratory" that can help move the sport forward by engaging fans in new ways.

What is the format?

UTS begins with a classic round-robin phase. Each player meets all other players during the first nine days of competition. The six players with the most wins qualify for the knockout stage. If players are tied, the set average determines the standings. The point average is the second tiebreaker. The first two players

automatically qualify for the semi-finals, and the next four players face off in quarterfinal playoffs (No. 3 v. No. 6 and No. 4 v. No. 5). The knockout stage will be held in full on the last day of the event.

**The Ultimate Tennis Showdown
Finalists on July 12, 2020 were:**

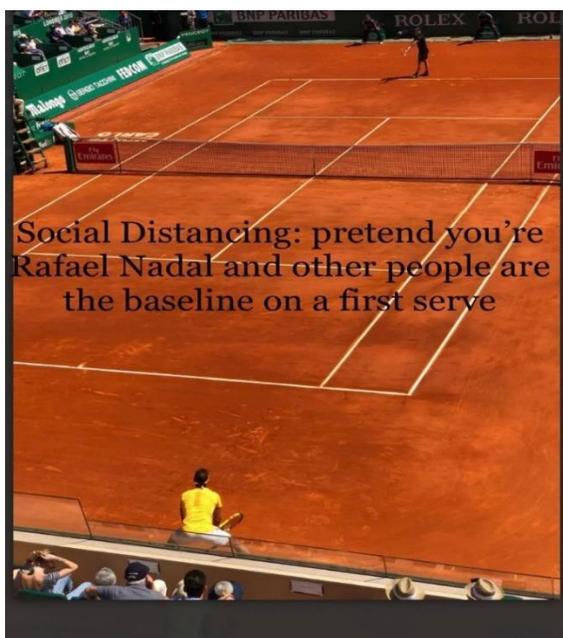
Men's Round – **Alexander Zverev** (The Lion) vs Felix Auger-Aliassime (The Panther)

Women's Round – **Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova** (Thunder) vs Alizé Cornet (Lightening)

For the complete picture go to:

<https://www.tennismajors.com/news/uts-news/uts-2020-in-10-questions-players-broadcasts-schedule-261295.html>

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Thanks, Wendy B.

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The VTA bi-monthly Newsletter is published all year round. We are always looking for interesting ideas, articles, tennis related information to include in the Newsletters, particularly through the winter months. Please feel free to contribute

stories and ideas. Send them to vtavernon@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you. (The Editor reserves the right to edit any submissions for appropriate content.)

**NOW'S THE TIME TO GET YOUR
RACQUET RE-STRUNG**

The following is a list of 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

**MEMBERSHIP LISTS AVAILABLE TO
2019 MEMBERS**

The VTA 2019 Membership Lists are still available to Members for the purpose of arranging tennis games with other members. If you wish to have a 2019 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 other members

TENNIS 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.

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. If you think your rating is incorrect or has changed, please let us know.

It is especially important that we are able to keep in contact with you during this COVID-19 year. REMEMBER, if you change your phone number or email address let Jackie Labuhn, Communication Coordinator, know as soon as you can. Thank you.
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