



**PRESIDENT'S PASSING SHOTS**

On behalf of the Vernon Tennis Association, I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. While 2021 was certainly not without its challenges, we were still able to provide a great variety of tennis opportunities for our community.

Presently, the City is asking for input regarding their plan for the Kin Race Track. We did have representation on the planning committee for the Active Living Centre and had proposed that indoor tennis courts be included in the plan. Unfortunately, we were not successful in having our proposal accepted. The Greater Vernon Parks and Recreation Master Plan of 2004 called for four more courts in Vernon by 2014 preferably at Marshall Field. Obviously, that has not yet happened. For those of you who have not yet completed the survey, you can do so at <https://www.vernon.ca/activities-events/news-events/news-archive/activate-your-voice-kin-race-track-park-survey-closing> . However, you will need to do so by December 18. It would sure be great to see the four more courts that were suggested 17 years ago.

We are certainly looking forward to the coming year in providing a variety of tennis opportunities for all ages in our community. **Please try to attend the VTA Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm. at the People Place in town. It is a chance for you to have input into our programs, and what direction you would like to see the VTA heading in the future.** The February Newsletter will have all the information.

Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you on the courts in the Spring.  
Graham Cooper, VTA President

**WHY NOT TRY "TOUCH TENNIS"?**  
**IT'S WARM INSIDE!**

Greater Vernon Recreation offers **TOUCHTENNIS** at the Priest Valley Gym on Friday from **11:00 am. until 12:30 pm.** It is a drop-in event - \$6.00/time or use your punch-pass card. You have to sign-up 48 hours prior to the time you wish to play – in most cases, that is sometime the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday before you play.

**COVID-19 restrictions are in place, but your coordinator, Karin Schjelderup, will be happy to scan your Vaccine Card. Please wear a mask in all other areas of the Recreation Centre, thank you. Once signed up, you enter Priest Valley Gym through the west side blue fire doors which Karin will open when she arrives.**

Touchtennis is an addictively simple alternative to regular tennis. It's played on a badminton-size court with a mini tennis net, 21" tennis racket and 3" -diameter foam balls. The game is designed to create long, intense rallies and clever angle play in an attempt to outwit your opponent. Quick reflex actions, gentle touch, and controlled power is quickly recognized in this game. If you wish to see more about the rules of play go to: <http://www.touchtennis.com/gb/rules.php>. All equipment is supplied. Touch Tennis is good exercise and a great way to retain and sharpen your tennis skills over the winter.

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

**Racquet stringing**

Jeremy Bell

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The VTA Board Members wish you and your family the very best of everything this Holiday Season, and a happy and healthy New Year! Thank you for your continued support throughout 2020/2021. We hope to be able to run a more "normal" tennis club again in the spring (without so many cancellations due to weather, smoke, and fires.).