



VERNON TENNIS ASSOCIATION (VTA)

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PRESIDENT’S PASSING SHOTS

Well, I look back on this year as one of change and growth. A very special thanks to Kirbey Lockhart and Brian vanBolhuis their hard work in keeping the 4.0 and 3.5 leagues running so successfully, and providing the opportunity for players to play with others at their own level. While our 2.5-3.0 league had problems this year, I am hopeful that next year to will operate throughout the season.

For our new players, who might wish to mix in with others and meet other club members, we run drop-in opportunities on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturday mornings, and plan to do so next year. Thanks to Frits Bakker for coordinating the Saturday mornings and all those who assisted in ensuring everyone who showed up played on the Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, were able to play. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to our board members, Jackie Labuhn (communications but Jackie also does so much more in looking after our website, communicating with Tennis BC, membership just to mention a few things); Frits Bakker (Treasurer), but like Jackie does so much more in also doing what he can to meet with the City re concerns with the courts and wind screens; Carol Jenkins (Secretary), Ron Burton, Brian vanBolhuis, Karin Schjelderup, and Kristin Read (Directors at Large).

We certainly see a need for more courts at Marshall Field and feel the 2004 and 2015 Parks Reports also indicate this. However, while these reports are just blue prints, they are a good starting point. Consequently, I will be approaching the authorities to see if a plan can be worked out to move in this direction. We are also very concerned with the cracks that have formed on the courts, not only at Marshall Field but other courts in Vernon. We are presently communicating with the City about these concerns.

For our junior development program for the coming year, I plan to meet with some parents in January to discuss setting up a spring program. Over the past summer we had 53 registrations in the lessons at Marshall Field. There is certainly an interest in tennis with the younger generation.

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Are you continuing to play now Fall is here? The City will be leaving two nets up at Marshall Field through the Fall and Winter. If you do remove snow from the courts, please do not use a snow blower, the blades damage the courts, thank you.

Guys with shovels, that’s how it’s done!



Enjoy your time on the courts.
Graham Cooper, VTA President

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

7:00 PM

AT THE PEOPLE PLACE

3402 27 Ave, Vernon, BC V1T 1S1

Anyone interested in tennis, and those who wish to learn or enhance their tennis skills are welcome, and encouraged to attend the AGM. The Board of Directors wants to know what you would like to see in the future for the Vernon Tennis Association. Your voice is important to us. Please make an effort to attend if you can. Put it on your calendar now. Thank you.

NOTE: NO 2023 Membership Registrations will take place, on-line or elsewhere, until the day after the 2023 AGM. Thank you for your patience.

REPORT ON THE "MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY"
October 1, 2022

Saturday, October 1st saw 36+ VTA Members on court at Marshall Field to play some friendly tennis; meet other members they may have not encountered before; and to take part in a BBQ hamburger lunch. It was great to see the camaraderie between long-time members and newer members.

That's what sport is all about, isn't it? The VTA is right there with all the other sports facilities and clubs. Thank you, one and all, for your tremendous support on October 1st and all the year through.

Special thanks to Carol Jenkins for helping with the grocery shopping; and to Frits Bakker for helping setting up and taking down, and for keeping the tennis flowing uninterrupted.

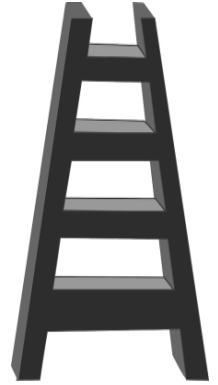
While we are thanking people, we would like to share with you the freshly painted Fabi Shack! Have you noticed?? Thanks to **Lance Crump** for doing all the hard work. The Shack has needed a spruce-up for quite a long time now. Lance stepped up, even without us asking, and took it upon himself to get it done. Many, many thanks, Lance, a great job, and a wonderful volunteer!



Freshly painted Fabi Shack
Thank you, Lance
(Ramp will be painted when dry.)

***VTA SINGLES TENNIS LADDER –
For Ladies and Men***

Please refer to the Website for all the Rules, and format of play. Add your name to the Ladder by contacting **Stephen Blaxland** at sman139@hotmail.com or phone 604-360-6915.



The VTA tennis ladder runs all year. Play in winter at an indoor facility and record your scores on the spreadsheet available to those whose names are on the ladder list. Here is the link again:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ekr0fsrsd1KNkr-vpmaDQh6oj19WZ3t1p6so8PdFJM/edit?usp=sharing>

Do let Steve know if there is any trouble accessing it. You will need the free google sheets app on a smartphone but you should be able to open it directly from the link on a computer.

Contact information is on the tab (bottom left of the spreadsheet).

A reminder to familiarize yourself with the ladder rules on the VTA website: <https://vernontennis.com/vta-singles-tennis-ladder/>

Rankings as of August 23, 2022
(Sorry I have no up-date to share yet.)

Rank	Name	Record W/L
1	Emilio Gonzalez	3-0
2	Jerry Reinhardt	1-1
3	Mit Upadhyay	4-2
4	Ben Johnson	OFF
5	Kirbey Lockhart	2-2
6	Matt Hill	1-0
7	Cliff Winter	1-1
8	Akeem Olatunde	5-0
9	Stephen Blaxland	3-4
10	Brian vBolhuis (off)	1-0
11	Graham Cooper	
12	Dhruv Vaidya	4-4
13	Paige Garbutt	4-1
14	Brook DesHarnais	0-5
15	Derek Rajakumar	

16	Ross Fedy	1-0
17	Cheryl McCargar	0-2
18	Alex Sauve	0-5
19	Avi Koren	2-0
20	Heidi Roos	0-2
21	Donna Hichok	1-2
22	Stan Vuckovic	



The VTA Board of Directors wish you and your family a SAFE and enjoyable Halloween. Watch out for children crossing the road, because they may not be watching out for you.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS BY REQUEST

Membership lists are available to members by request. Membership Lists are only distributed to VTA Members for the purpose of arranging tennis games with other members. If you wish to have a 2022 Membership List, please contact the Communication Coordinator at: vtavernon@gmail.com. The personal tennis ratings on the list are self-assigned and not official. Please do not use this list for commercial contacting or advertising events. Respect the privacy of all our members by not sharing the list with anyone, and not using it for any other purpose than contacting other VTA Members to arrange tennis games. Thank you.

TENNIS TIT-BIT

Origin of the Yellow Ball – Historically, balls were either white or black in colour depending on the background colour of the courts. In 1972 the ITF introduced yellow tennis balls in the rules of tennis, as research had shown these balls to be more visible to television viewers.

