

**VERNON TENNIS ASSOCIATION (VTA)**

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**PRESIDENT'S PASSING SHOTS**

A very big thanks to Nick Stoneberger and Project Delivery Group from Allnorth Consultants Limited for their \$1,000 cheque to support our junior development program. These funds will be used to assist in developing certified coaches. Full details will be given in the New Year. Exciting times ahead! (See further information and picture below.)

Once again, our leagues were very successful as a result of a lot of hard work by Kirbey Lockhart, Brian vanBolhuis and Stan Vuckovic. Stan is taking over the 3.5 league from Brian next year. Thanks for Jackie Labuhn and Frits Bakker for coordinating the Saturday mornings and everyone who assisted in ensuring everyone who showed up played on the Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Thanks to our board members, Jackie Labuhn (communications, membership, website, insurance, communicating with Tennis BC, just to mention a few things); Frits Bakker (Treasurer, plus communicating with the City re the condition of the courts and wind screens, looking after the ball machine and so the list goes on); Carol Jenkins (Secretary), Ron Burton, Brian vanBolhuis, Karin Schjelderup and Rob Vandersanden (Directors at Large who are asked to do many things). Karin has stepped down from the Board and Carol is also planning to do so next year. Thanks to you both for all of your hard work and effort. We will be looking for some new board members in 2024. Please consider what you can do to assist our association.

We certainly still see a need for more courts at Marshall Field and feel the 2004 and 2015 Vernon City Parks Reports also indicate this. This year the total tennis membership in the Kal Club, Predator Ridge and the VTA was 331. The Kal Club and Predator have closed their memberships. The City morning tennis programs also had 81 players thus giving a total of 412 adult registrations in these organizations. Our summer junior lessons were maxed out with 56 registrations while the present Predator junior lessons are also maxed out with 60 registrations. Not included are the registrations in the City lessons or the high performance juniors at Predator. Tennis is alive and well in Vernon, and we are certainly looking to build our club further in 2024.

Graham Cooper, VTA President  
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**THE VTA TENNIS SEASON IS OVER AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2023.**

**However, if you play in a VTA tennis League, please contact your coordinator to see if your League is extending into October (or beyond?).**

The VTA Board would like to thank all its members for their support during the 2023 season. It was a trying season due to rain, heat, fires, and smoke. We appreciate your dedication to the sport of tennis and your continued support of the VTA. All our members are champions of the game. Thank you so much.

We would love to see you back next year, and will keep you informed through our bi-monthly Newsletter, which is published all year round. Look for the December Newsletter just before Christmas.

**VERNON JUNIOR TENNIS GETS SUPPORT**

The Project Delivery Group from Allnorth Consultants Limited has donated \$1,000 to the Vernon Tennis Association to financially assist players to become certified coaches with Tennis Canada's Professional Coaches Association, the TPA.

Graham Cooper, president of the Vernon Tennis Association, has indicated that more certified coaches are needed to run the Tennis Canada programs in Vernon. He said that this is the program run at the Commons Racquet Club at Predator Ridge and it is full with 60 registrations. He continued that there were 56 registrations in the VTA July and August lessons while two junior tournaments at Predator Ridge and one at Marshall Field saw a total of 90 entries. He would like to see more qualified coaches and believes that the donation will assist in enabling more opportunities for Vernon youth to learn to play tennis and take part in tennis programs and activities.



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Graham Cooper receives the \$1,000 cheque from Nick Stoneberger



Luna and Hudson check each other's medals!

**ROGERS ROOKIE TOURNAMENT**  
**MARSHALL FIELD, VERNON**  
**September 17 and 24, 2023**



7 year olds, Hudson Yawney and Luna Chou display their medals with Graham Cooper



8 year olds, Maisie Brovender, Sasha Musaev, Seerthi Karthick and Grace Bader show their medals

**Rogers Rookie Tournament sanctioned by Tennis BC** was held on Sunday, September 17th and 24th for U8 & U12 players, and U10, U14 & U16 players respectively, The VTA thanks Graham Cooper for his total commitment to junior tennis players and for organizing these two tournaments. Besides our own young players, players also came from Castlegar, Kamloops, Kelowna and Lake Country. We would like to sincerely thank Gary Edwards, Ron Burton, Pam Kaneda, Francois Najda, Brian vanBolhuis, Renjith Madhavan and friend for volunteering to help set up the courts and assist the players keeping score. The Rogers Rookie Tour offers children an opportunity to play against players of their own level and excel at their own pace. Medals were given for first, second and third in each section plus participation medals were given to all of the other players. Rogers tournament caps from Tennis BC were also given to all of the players. Parents, children and volunteers had a great time in the sunshine.

**JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT**

While the VTA junior development program has been very successful in providing opportunities for young players to learn to play tennis, there are plans to expand it in 2024. This past summer we had a total of 56 registrations in our lessons while this year there was the combined total of 90 registrations in the two tournaments at Predator and our tournament at Marshall Field. There are presently 60 registrations in the lessons at Predator. Registrations for the 2024 winter lessons at Predator will open in November.

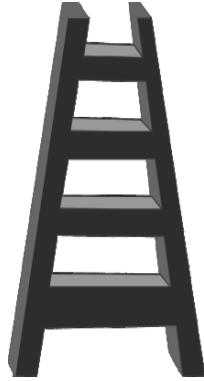


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## **VTA SINGLES TENNIS LADDER** **for Ladies and Men**

The VTA Singles Ladder is proposed to operate all year round because you can play on any court, anywhere, any time. The VTA Tennis Ladder is waiting for you!

Add your name to the Ladder by contacting Stephen Blaxland at [sblaxland.physio@gmail.com](mailto:sblaxland.physio@gmail.com) or phone 604-360-6915.



Steve will give you access to the Ladder Spreadsheet so you can enter your own scores. PLEASE try to enter scores directly on the spreadsheet (if you make a mistake it can always be undone).

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

If you love to play singles tennis, the Ladder is for you. You can play anywhere, anytime, just as long as you report your scores on the spreadsheet Steve supplies. You can even play in the winter at any indoor tennis facility. GIVE IT A TRY!

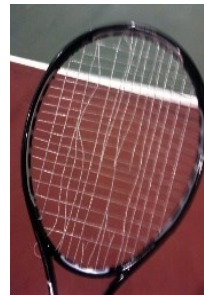
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### **MEMBERSHIP LISTS ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS BY REQUEST ONLY**

*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 2023 Membership List, please contact the Communication Coordinator at [vtavernon@gmail.com](mailto:vtavernon@gmail.com). Tennis ratings on the list are self-assigned and not official.*

*Please 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. Thank you.*

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**THINKING ABOUT GETTING THAT RACQUET RE-STRUNG DURING THE WINTER MONTHS?**

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## **TENNIS BC**

### **SURVEY FOR UPCOMING TENNIS BC STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Dear Tennis Enthusiast,

Tennis BC is developing a new strategic plan that will guide the efforts of Tennis BC from 2024-2028! We need your input to help us develop a plan that works. Please take a few minutes and take the survey below. **Survey closes on October 27, 2023.**

Sincerely,

Your Tennis BC Team

**Take Survey**

