

St. George's Tennis Club
Annual General Meeting
November 5, 2014

Agenda

- 1 Call to Order
- 2 Approval of minutes from the Spring Meeting - May 23, 2014
- 3 Business arising from the Minutes of May 23, 2014
- 4 Presidents Remarks
- 5 Reports
 - A. Social
 - B. Tennis Skills Development
 - C. Grounds
 - D. Membership
 - E. Treasurer
- 6 New Business
 - A. Fee Structure 2015
 - B. Business Arising from the Floor
- 7 Election of Officers
- 8 Adjournment

Refreshments and snacks to follow

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President's Remarks

St. George's Tennis club has been and will continue to be a significant part of my life. From spending entire summers here as a child and as a staff member, or as a volunteer I am always grateful for all this club has taught and given me. To say I am honoured to serve as your club president is an understatement, especially at such a time in our club's history. The club membership is at a critical level, its lowest level since 2002.

With this in mind we are very happy to have Genie, Vasek, Milos putting the game of tennis back on everyone's radar; and we are very happy to have a new CEO of Tennis Canada, Kelly Murumets, and Jack Graham (ITF Board of Directors) representing the Canadian game internationally. Additionally, what a thrill it was to have the Davis Cup in Halifax.

Our executive has done tremendous work this season to operate within the confines of low revenue numbers and to remedy the membership issue. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts! We recognize there are many challenges still in front of us and we look forward to identifying these challenges and working through them! I am very happy that we have looked deep within the club and asked why we do things the way we do and is it the right way to do things.

The board is a very eclectic group of thinkers. We all represent different pieces of the club and that affords us the opportunity to bring diverse points of view to discussions. I am grateful for this. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Don Ehler for all his efforts maintaining the grounds and Iain MacLeod for his innovative marketing ideas. Additionally, I would like to thank Adrian MacDonald for his work maintaining the membership database, which is a time consuming task.

Our staff this summer proved to be exceptional yet again. A big thank you to our Duty Hosts: Innes MacDonald, Scott Sampson, Emma Ryan, Jean-Luc Deveau, Ben Lake, and Hannah Machat, Chris MacMaster, Emmila Conlon; and our Coaches: Floyd Orrell, and Ben Lake

Thank you to Tennis Nova Scotia for another great season. Roger, Marijke, and Craig are always looking out for St. George's. They provide us with exceptional service and I would like to thank them for that.

The board has focused on the removing barriers which prevent people from joining the club. Firstly, for any new member (a person who has not been a member for the previous five years) we will prorate fees throughout the season. Secondly, the club will now waive membership fees for children ages five to eight years old (as of May 1).

We are known for being one of the warmest and most welcoming clubs that people step foot in. While as a Board we can make decisions we feel will help the club thrive in the short and long term, I urge you as the members to continue to grow our warm and welcoming reputation. Please treat all persons at the club in a way that upholds this high standard.

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I am grateful to the many volunteers who make this club function; I wish I could thank you all individually. But “many hands make light work” and we certainly have need for many other volunteers. We have new committees being created for the upcoming season in addition to existing committees. Please come speak with me after the meeting if you are interested in helping out in any way!

Respectfully Submitted,

Ian MacInnis
President

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Social Report

St. George's had another busy social year. We had good turnouts for the Strawberry, non-Blueberry socials and the Corn Boil. The Wednesday evening and Sunday tennis socials continued with the rotation method for the draw. The format for these socials has caused some controversy and hopefully we will be able to resolve the issues for 2015. There has been discussion among the social group that we have a roster for bringing food to the Sunday socials and that we get back to having a formal tea.

The ladies had a number of successful tennis-bridge functions during the year. We had an excellent turnout for the Truro and Wolfville ladies' tennis-luncheon day. It was unfortunate that we had to close the draw and hopefully that will not happen again.

Another special event for the year was the Dinner/Dance held on August 16. Fifty-five members (last year 73) bought tickets and we made a profit of \$757. Thank you to all the members who brought food; we appreciate your generosity and support. It was a very successful and fun evening. We had a great time with Frank Rossiter and danced until the end.

Social bridge on Monday night and duplicate bridge on Thursday nights continued this year. During the winter months play continues at Brightwood on Friday nights. Thank you goes to Bev Wile who makes this arrangement possible. The winner of the trophy for best bridge player at duplicate bridge this summer was Nancy Bowlby.

Cynthia McKeen thought it would be a great idea to promote the club with clothing. We sold 40 pieces of clothing to members and we thank you for your support.

Thank you to committee members, Kelly Dillman, Nancy Bowlby, Ann Matthews Lee Ayre and Gilda Greenough for your ongoing support and work ethic. Also thank you to all the members who help during social events throughout the season.

Winter Tennis at Northcliff will be the first Saturday in January and running every second Saturday for 10 weeks. The fee of \$70 will remain the same with a new change in time, 6 pm until 8 pm--an hour earlier than last year. Members can send a cheque to Marg Moody at 71 Newcastle St., Dartmouth, B2Y 3M8. Marg would like payment before Christmas, if possible, so that she will have an idea of the numbers.

Respectfully submitted
Andrée MacKenzie

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Tennis Skills Development

I would like to start by thanking Floyd Orrell and Ben Lake for their work over the Summer months.

Over the course of the season, we were very fortunate to have two great clinics. We were very lucky to have one presented by Jill Robertson (Young Kempt Physiotherapy & Beaverbank Physiotherapy) and Marijke Nel (Tennis Nova Scotia); the second clinic was held by Marijke and other TNS Staff. The second clinic included mentoring for coaches and on court time for junior members.

The adult lesson program continues to be a success at the club. There were strong numbers in all four sessions of lessons. We can continue to improve the quality of the program. Additionally, growth areas for adult programming are in developing a high caliber lesson program and offering more clinic work over the season.

Our junior numbers continue to struggle. We recognize there is significant competition in the youth summer activity market. There are so many offerings. Simply our product has to improve if we want to be more competitive in this market. Over the course of the summer we began offering different types of programming, including day camps, cardio tennis, junior high performance tennis, and family tennis lessons. The majority of the previous programs are for juniors. We have laid the foundation for these programs this summer and we will grow them in years to come.

Tennis Nova Scotia continues to be a great resource for this club and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Roger Keating and Marijke Nel. They are always available to the coaches for whatever they require in addition to so many other things.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Conlon and Bill MacLean

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Grounds Report

Thanks

- To all the member volunteers who come out to help with court opening/closing and general maintenance tasks. While numbers are good, would be nice to see some "new" faces, as it seems to be the same core group every time. Something to focus on for 2015.
- To Bill Harris and Garnett Hannam who continue to spend lots of time doing those little extra's for us.
- To the Host team (Innes, Ben, Emma, Scott, Jean-Luc, Hannah, Chris, Emilia) who are responsible for Court/Clubhouse maintenance/cleanliness and managing the daily operations of the Club.

Key items of note:

- Significant saving (10%) on Har-Tru material purchase by combining order with Waegwoltic Club.
- Purchased and installed 4 new nets.
- First day of play May 14 and closed October 25 (2013 was May 5 and October 31).
- Significant Courts repairs had to be completed, as initial Har-Tru material coverage did not adhere properly. Key learning, is patience for appropriate weather conditions when laying material.
- Painting of Benches and Bleachers.
- Daily/Weekly/Monthly "Host Tasks" checklist put in place. Increased focus and accountability.
- Garnett replaced fans in both washrooms.
- Outside Storm door purchased and to be installed shortly. Thanks to Bridge Club.

Future needs/opportunities:

- Repairs to bottom of older shed - \$1,000
- Replace stairs at back of Clubhouse - \$1,000
- Phone and Stand in Kitchen (hand-held) - \$50 ???
- Moss removal from Clubhouse and shed roof (minimal cost)

Wish list:

- New flooring to replace carpet on main level - \$3-4,000
- New Swing Gate on fence to allow for big equipment easy court access - \$2,000
- Mini/Pickle Ball Courts (behind Courts 4-5)- approximately \$15,000 after Federal/Provincial/Municipal Grants. \$35,000 total cost

Respectfully submitted
Donnie Ehler

1 MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN

Adult Members	Intermediate Members	Junior Members	Social Members
217	11	52	7
Total Members			287

2 NUMBER OF MEMBERS 2002-2014



3 NUMBER OF MEMBERS BY TYPE 2002-2014

