

Hillside Tennis Club

Club de Tennis Hillside

December 2011

Dear Members,

This was another great summer and our club's tennis courts, swimming pool and dining areas were well used. Many of you took advantage of our summer oasis and we hope you enjoyed your time at the club! Although the season is over, I would like to update you on various aspects of the Hillside.

Membership

- For the second year in a row the Club experienced a net increase in members, with growth in all the categories.
- The Champagne Offer was a success and will be offered again next spring.
- Now is the perfect time to start the 2012 member nomination process. To propose a member, please contact Tina Duncan.

Thanks to William Tretiak, Membership Director and Tina Duncan for their efforts in this area.

I would like to remind you that membership category changes and resignations must be sent to the Club as soon as possible and, in any event, by **March 15th, 2012**.

Tennis Activity

This year was another active year for our tennis program.

The courts opened on May 3rd and members were active until the club closed on Thanksgiving weekend. Approximately 380 adult members played tennis and over 200 were involved in the various weekly activities. Despite the increase in organized court activity, there remained many courts open for members to play casually; we hope to see some of our less active members on the courts next year!

Some highlights:

- Successful introduction of a Player Ranking System.
- Ladies Interclub moved up to level 1 and another Ladies Interclub team in level 4 was added
- Active participation in the Hillside Cup.
- All tournaments finished on time with 120 members participating.

The Hillside hosted its second annual Open Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament, where non-members were invited to play. Fifteen teams took part in this exciting weekend event that showcased our club.

Tennis Activity (continued)

The Hillside also hosted the Mount Royal Tennis Club in the Lorne C. Webster Memorial Challenge Cup. While we were not victorious as in previous years, it was a respectable result and we look forward to the rematch next year!

Thanks to Dariusz Kozak and Andrzej Zaleski, tennis professionals, for their continued efforts. Also, special thanks to our Tennis Director, Alicia Hamilton, for her help in this area.

Special and Social Events

I would like to thank retiring board member Gael Fraser-Tytler along with Michel Deslauriers for their efforts this season in the Clubhouse:

- The Club's Opening and Closing Cocktail parties were a success.
- Our fine dining room was full on many occasions this season!
- Monday Men's Nights, Ladies Nights and Bridge Nights were well-attended.
- Introduction of the French bistro evening was a big hit.
- Special events such as lobster nights and wine tasting were sold out!
- Families staying until 9:00 pm on Fridays was a popular initiative

Junior Program

This was another a successful year for our juniors. Friday night family BBQs and the introduction of milkshakes and smoothies were a big hit! Some highlights:

- 110 juniors playing tennis.
- 85 juniors participating in the clinics and camps.
- 35 juniors competing in the tournaments.
- Successful Inter-club tournaments for kids.

I would like to thank retiring board member Caroline Dillon for her help in this area.

Grounds

Thanks to Craig Duncan, Physical Plant and Grounds Manager and his crew for maintaining the tennis courts, swimming pools and grounds in peak condition this season.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that in the off season, Craig Duncan is available as a handyman/carpenter for minor renovations, for any of you who need some work done around the house. We encourage you to contact him directly for further information and references at 514-296-8555 or craig@hillside-tennis.ca.

Reciprocal Privileges

I am pleased to announce that over the summer we have established reciprocal relationships with the following out-of-town clubs:

The Granite Club
2350 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, ON M2L 1E4
Telephone: 416- 449-8713
www.graniteclub.com

Hollyburn Country Club
950 Cross Creek Road
West Vancouver, BC V7S 2S5
Telephone: 604-913-4502
www.hollyburn.org

Further information on the above clubs can be found on their websites. Please contact Tina Duncan before you visit a reciprocal club so she can acquaint you with the privileges each club extends and arrange a letter of introduction.

Hillside also maintains reciprocal **social** privileges during the winter months with the following local clubs. (Your Hillside account will be billed for any charges at any mentioned clubs.)

Club Atwater
3505 Atwater Avenue
Montreal, QC H3H 1Y2
Telephone: 514-935-2431
Email: sdonovan@clubatwater.ca

University Club of Montreal
2047 Mansfield
Montréal, QC H3A 1Y7
Telephone: 514-288-0201
Email: aj.cote@ucmontreal.ca

Administration

The Annual Membership Information Form is enclosed for your completion and return, if there are changes to your contact, credit card or membership information. Please return it to the attention of Tina Duncan by mail or scan/email by December 31st, 2011. If you do not have any changes to report then you do not need to return the form.

The usual mailing address, telephone and fax numbers for the Club will continue to work during the winter.

If you are moving, please ensure that you keep the Club informed over the winter.

For those of you receiving this letter by Royal mail, please let us know if you have an email address we could use instead.

In closing, as the holidays approach, I would like to wish you and your family all the best for a healthy and peaceful 2012 and may you have many pleasant days at the Hillside next summer!

Yours truly,

Rosalind Davis
President