



Saanich  
Tennis  
Club

# *Newsletter*

*March 2017*

[www.saanichtennisclub.org](http://www.saanichtennisclub.org)

## **A Message from the President**

Welcome to all new and returning members of our club! This year will be an exciting one. Our tennis courts will get a complete makeover this spring, including removing tree roots, filling in bird baths, repairing all cracks, and resurfacing. Thanks to Yutaka and Rich for their hard work planning this project; and, **thank you to the District of Saanich for their generous financial help.**

**Important note...** yes, the tennis courts will still be available for play most of the time while the court improvements are underway.

I'd like to recognize all the hard-working members of the board that made last season memorable, and welcome our new directors, including myself, who will be working diligently on your behalf in 2017.

Thanks also to volunteers who come out and support the many programs available at STC. We look forward to continuing to grow our STC tennis programs for all ages and tennis levels within the community. As our newsletter and website describe in more detail, we have a number of great activities, events, lessons and socials coming up again this year.

I also urge you to renew your membership as soon as you can. **This year is particularly important to do so to ensure we have enough funds to cover the renovation costs.** If you have not yet had a chance to join or renew your membership you can do so online this year. For more information please visit our 'membership' page at [www.saanichtennisclub.org/membership](http://www.saanichtennisclub.org/membership).

As a new member of the club's executive, I'm eager to get feedback and comments from you about improving your experiences at the STC. Please contact me at [president@saanichtennisclub.org](mailto:president@saanichtennisclub.org) . **See you at the Club ☺**

Tim Ebata  
President, STC

## Board of Directors 2017

### Executive Members

**President:** Tim Ebata ..... 250-213-8716

**Vice-President:**

Jane Cunningham ..... 250-727-9338

**Secretary:** Diane Brodie .... 250-658-4077

**Treasurer:** Jim Howie ..... 250-721-0045

**Past-President:**

Richard Wanbon ..... 250-391-9965

### Directors

**Communications/Website:**

Sasho Radisavljevic ..... 778-265-3890

**Membership & Volunteers:**

Judy Huff ..... 250-658-4438

**Facilities:**

Yutaka Yoshida ..... 250-361-6900

**Junior Programs:**

Chad Brachat ..... 250-418-0382

**Activities:**

Eric Holden ..... 778-440-6687

### Volunteers

**SITA Representative:**

Jane Cunningham ..... 250-727-9338

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## Membership Fees are Due

A reminder that 2017 fees are now due:

Adults .....\$ 85.00/Year

Family .....\$170.00/Year

Juniors (under 19) ..... \$ 35.00/Year

Now you can join or renew your STC membership and pay your registration fees online! For more information please go to our website at...

[www.saanichtennisclub.org/membership](http://www.saanichtennisclub.org/membership)

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## 2017 Club Events Schedule

Sat. April 8 ..... **SPRING CLEANING**

Sun. April 9 ..... **OPENING DAY**

Sat. May 6 ..... (Sun. May 7 if rainout)  
..... **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

Sun. May 21 ..... **CHANGE PARTNERS**

Sun. June 4 ..... **DAVIS CUP**

Sun. June 18 ..... **CHANGE PARTNERS**

Sat. July 8 to Sun. July 16 .....  
..... **CLUB TOURNAMENT**

Sun. Aug. 6 ..... **CHANGE PARTNERS**

Sat. Aug. 12 ..... **JUNIOR FUN DAY**

Thu. Aug. 24 to Sun. Aug. 27 .....  
..... **LOVE 45 TOURNAMENT**

Sat. Sept. 9 ..... **CHANGE PARTNERS**

Sun. Oct. 1 ..... **CLOSING DAY**

### **Contacts**

Spring Cleanup.... Yutaka.. 250-361-6900

.. Opening Day ..... Tim.. 250-213-8716

New Members Day . Judy.. 250-658-4438

Change Partners .... Eric.. 778-440-6687

Davis Cup ....Jane / Judy.. 250-727-9338

Club Tourney ..... Jim.. 250-721-0045

Love 45 ..... Jim.. 250-721-0045

Juniors ..... Chad.. 250-418-0382

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## Court Repairs are a Go!!!

It's official! The STC tennis courts will get a complete makeover this spring! Work includes cutting out tree roots, filling in bird baths, repairing all cracks, and resurfacing tennis courts. Please note, the tennis courts will still be available for play while the work is being completed.

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## Weekly Tennis at the Club

### Sundays

General 3.0 - 4.0 ..... 8:00AM – Noon  
General 4.0 - 5.0 ..... Noon – 4:00PM

### Mondays

Ladies 4.0 - 5.0 ..... 9:30AM – 11:30AM  
Junior programs ..... 5:00PM 'til Dark

### Tuesdays

Men's night 4.0 - 5.0 5:00PM 'til Dark  
..... except league play to June 30.

### Thursdays

Ladies 3.5 - 4.0 .... 9:30AM – 11:30AM

### Fridays

General 4.0 - 5.0 ..... 5:00PM 'til Dark

### Saturdays

General drop-in ..... 5:00PM 'til Dark

The weekly tennis schedule is subject to change! Please check for updates at...

[www.saanichtennisclub.org/weekly-tennis](http://www.saanichtennisclub.org/weekly-tennis)

## Public Hours

Per our lease agreement with Saanich Parks, public hours are...

Tuesday & Friday ..8:00AM – 12:00PM

Wednesday .....5:00PM – 9:00PM

Saturday .....2:00PM – 6:00PM

Club members can use the courts at this time, but only on the same terms, as posted, as non-member players.

## Tennis Lessons

We are planning to continue to offer group tennis lessons at the Saanich Tennis Club. There will be opportunities for beginners to advanced players. For more information, please go to...

[www.saanichtennisclub.org/lessons](http://www.saanichtennisclub.org/lessons)

## More Contacts

### Weekly Tennis Contacts:

Please phone or email to sign up for...

Ladies 4.0 - 4.5 Jane... 250-727-9338  
..... [jane.cunnington@saanichtennisclub.org](mailto:jane.cunnington@saanichtennisclub.org)

Ladies 3.5 - 4.0 Cathy... 250-727-2900  
..... [cathy.nettleton@saanichtennisclub.org](mailto:cathy.nettleton@saanichtennisclub.org)

## Singles League

The men's and women's singles league started in 2015 has been very popular with STC members. Matches can be played at any time or place. League tables change monthly. For more info...

[www.saanichtennisclub.org/singles-league](http://www.saanichtennisclub.org/singles-league)

## Find us on Facebook!

Saanich Tennis Club is represented on both Facebook and Twitter! Check out what is happening and join the discussions on our public and group Facebook pages. All the information to get started can be found at...

[www.saanichtennisclub.org/socialmedia](http://www.saanichtennisclub.org/socialmedia)

## Drills / Other Activities

Would you like to organize a time for tennis drills or other organized activities for members at a similar level of play? Please contact Eric at...

[activities-director@saanichtennisclub.org](mailto:activities-director@saanichtennisclub.org)

## Members' Guests

Invited guests are welcome to come and play at the Saanich Tennis Club.

Members are asked to please sign their guests in and pay the guest fee (\$3.00).

## Junior Program

Monday evenings 5:00PM-7:00PM are reserved for STC junior club members.

Please see our website for information on this year's junior program, including free coaching from June to August for all junior members.

Are you interested in helping with the juniors? Please contact Chad Brachat at... [juniors@saanichtennisclub.org](mailto:juniors@saanichtennisclub.org)

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## Please Note

### Tennis BC Memberships

To set up a profile and activate your Tennis BC membership, follow the instructions provided by the Membership Coordinator, or contact Judy at...

[membership@saanichtennisclub.org](mailto:membership@saanichtennisclub.org)

### Volunteers Alert

Volunteers will be needed to keep our clubhouse and grounds cleaned and maintained during the summer. Thanks in advance for your assistance!

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## Indoor Tennis at Cedar Hill

STC members are back indoors this winter for mixed doubles on Sunday mornings at Cedar Hill. A big thanks to Janet Martin and her committee who organize and are keeping the sessions running so well again this year. For more info... [tm440@telus.net](mailto:tm440@telus.net)

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## Club Parking

To reduce congestion on the road at peak times members are encouraged to use our parking lot located just behind the tennis courts.

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## Drop-in Tennis Calendar

With drop-in tennis scheduled most evenings and on the weekend at STC it can be a challenge deciding just when to come out and play.

When in doubt check the Calendar on the front page of our website; and use it to sign up for any of the drop-ins, and to find out who else is planning to be there.

Want to increase participation at one of the drop-in sessions? Contact Eric at

[activities-director@saanichtennisclub.org](mailto:activities-director@saanichtennisclub.org)

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## Facilities Maintenance

A new roof was installed on the clubhouse in the fall; and all efforts are now turned towards repairs and resurfacing of the tennis courts! For more information contact Yutaka at...

[facility-director@saanichtennisclub.org](mailto:facility-director@saanichtennisclub.org)

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## Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on Jan. 22, 2017, at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre.

The minutes from that meeting may be accessed on the 'executive' pages of the Saanich Tennis Club website at...

[www.saanichtennisclub.org/executive](http://www.saanichtennisclub.org/executive)

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## Ball Machine!

A ball machine is available for use by club members. When using it follow the instructions on the wall and fill out the log sheet. The machine runs on battery; remember to recharge after use!

Problems using the machine? please contact Yutaka at 250-361-6900 or at...

[facility-director@saanichtennisclub.org](mailto:facility-director@saanichtennisclub.org)

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## About the Saanich Tennis Club

It all started in the early 70's when a group of players who had been meeting casually to play tennis at local facilities decided to form a club. On September 16, 1974 the Saanich Tennis Club was incorporated. In 1990 agreement was reached with Saanich and BC Hydro to develop the Viewmont courts, and they opened for play on July 22, 1990.

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## Remembering...

Roy Ralfs, who passed away on January 8, 2017. Roy was a prominent member of the Saanich Tennis Club during the early decades of the club's history and was still playing tennis into his 80's. Roy gave countless volunteer hours to support the club and was one of the key forces of energy behind the building of our clubhouse. He was appointed an "Honourary Member" of STC over ten years ago in recognition of his service and commitment to the club.

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## Win a 2018 Membership!!!

Want to win a free membership for 2018?!! We will have a draw at our year-end AGM where you will receive an entry for each new member that you have recruited in 2017 (as indicated on the new member's registration form). Thanks for your recruiting efforts and good luck!

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**See You at the Club ☺**