



Newsletter

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President's Message

Sandra Edwards

Every year at this time, we start to get excited about moving outdoors to play. Spring is right around the corner – despite the cold temperatures you are feeling right now.

Your executive team has been hard at work over the winter, taking our operations online for Membership, Spring Lesson Programs, Wednesday Round Robin and Ladies House League Program. We are extremely excited about this venture and have provided more information about this launch in this newsletter. I'm sure Cindia never realized she'd have another full-time job when she agreed to take on this project, but as we go through each step, we are getting closer to making this venture a reality. Online membership and program



Welcome back!

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registration will be launched around March 23rd. If you're subscribed to UTC Newsletter and Event Notifications, you will receive an email advising you when the Online Registration goes live. (NOTE: If you haven't subscribed to these notifications, you can subscribe at: www.unionvilletennisclub.com). Alternatively, watch our Membership page at <http://www.unionvilletennisclub.com/membership.html> for further information and instructions on how to register online.

For the many members who were not present to enjoy our 2008 Annual General Meeting and Year End Bash at Mayfair Parkway on November 15, I wanted to recap a few of the highlights. Over one hundred UTC members and guests enjoyed great food, music, and social tennis

UPCOMING EVENTS

NETS UP DAY

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 4 (RAIN DATE APRIL 5)
TIME: 10:00 AM– 12:00 PM

OPEN HOUSE

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 4
TIME: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

INTER-COUNTY TEAM TRYOUTS

MIXED TEAMS: APRIL 18/19 (RAIN DATE APR 25/26)
LADIES TEAMS: APRIL 15/22
JUNIOR TEAMS: APRIL 18/19 (RAIN DATE APR 25/26)
SEE PAGE 5 FOR TIMES.

OPENING DAY & OTA TENNIS FAIR

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 2 (RAIN DATE: MAY 3)
TIME: 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

HELP WANTED!

CLUB MONITOR JOBS AVAILABLE!

We will be hiring several Club Monitors for the 2009 Tennis Season.

Job Description

- Monitoring and scheduling of court time for the member
- Maintenance of the hard and clay courts
- Maintenance and cleaning of the clubhouse

To view the complete list of job requirements, go to www.unionvilletennisclub.com.

If interested, please submit your résumé to Heidi Strassguertl at courts@unionvilletennisclub.com by Tuesday, March 31, 2009.

round robins. Awards for the year-end tournament were presented along with some very special annual awards. This year's recipients were:

Carol Wong Volunteer of the Year Award: Mark Wakefield

Kevin Cheung Juniors Award: Lauren Fernandes

Nicole Schwertner Heart Award: Sherwin Mendes

Congratulations once again to our 2008 winners!

Lots of great photos from the Year End Bash are posted on our website for viewing by clicking on this link: www.unionvilletennisclub.com/photogallery

I am once again very grateful for the efforts of our outgoing executive members: **Angel Vera** (Social Director) and **Larina Vera** (Recreational Director) and **Nalin Khosla** (Junior Director). Their enthusiasm and energy in the programs for the past year will be missed. I know that Angel and Larina will have their hands full with a new infant on its way due in the spring.

I am pleased to introduce your 2009 Executive Team:

President - Sandra Edwards
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Vice-President - David Spisak
vp@unionvilletennisclub.com

Treasurer - Alison Horne
treasurer@unionvilletennisclub.com

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Membership - Cindia Chau-Boon
membership@unionvilletennisclub.com

Recreational - **OPEN**

Social Events- **OPEN**

Volunteers Needed!!

You will notice that we are short two Directors on our Executive Team this year. We desperately need a Social and Recreational Director. These two volunteers will provide the voice of the social/recreational players at UTC.

The Social Director oversees Opening Day activities, all adult social events and the Year End Bash. This individual ideally is well connected and won't be shy to form groups of helpers to assist with events. Our Events this year are dependent upon finding a new Social Director.

The Recreational Director oversees the Ladies House League, drop in programs, ladders, and assists with social programs and club tournaments.

Please let me know if you are interested in either of these positions. We really do need new volunteers to fill these important roles. We have a great club and great activities at our club, and these activities cannot go on without the help of volunteers – so please don't be shy! Please contact me at: president@unionvilletennisclub.com

As usual, we have lots planned for you this year. Check out our UTC Programs-At-A-Glance on page 6 for a view of what your membership at UTC offers.

We look forward to hearing about your online experiences with this year's membership and program registration. We are hosting an Open House on Saturday, April 4th, along with our Nets up Day – come on out and help get the club going on Saturday morning at 9 am. Opening Day will take place on Saturday, May 2nd. Stay tuned for some great activities – we have booked an OTA cardio Tennis Fair. Hope you can come and join us.

Sandra Edwards
President

Courts Update

Court Availability in April

Last fall, Courts 1 and 2 were resurfaced and Courts 8 and 9 were rebuilt. Courts 8 and 9 will not be completed until sometime in May, so please be patient while we start our season with fewer available courts. This was the result of a late fall start and we have been assured the courts will be completed as soon as the temperatures warm up. The clay courts are usually ready by Opening Day (May 2nd) so during the month of April, we will have use of only 4 courts.

Please note that random courts will NOT be available during the Inter-County team tryouts on the weekends of April 18/19 and April 25/26 (if rain precluded completion of tryouts on April 18/19) from 8:00am through 4:30 pm.



**Online
Registration
Comes to
UTC!!!**

Register Online at:

www.unionvilletennisclub.com

As one of the largest community tennis clubs in Canada, membership and program registration and payment processing is a very time-consuming job that has been performed entirely by volunteers. The opportunity to automate this task through online registration and online payment processing has been a goal of the UTC executive team for a number of years now. With the dedication and enthusiasm of our current Membership Director, Cindia Chau-Boon, and an equally dedicated pair of volunteers (Michael Gannon and Wayne Alexander), we will be implementing an online

membership and program registration in time for the 2009 season, with an expected go-live date of March 23rd.

Over the fall and winter, Cindia, Mike and Wayne performed an extensive needs analysis and then short-listed 7 vendors who could potentially provide this service. The chosen vendor, Karelo e-Services, was selected based on their ability to best meet our requirements. Karelo is a Vancouver-based company with other tennis clients including Tennis Canada, Tennis BC and Richmond Tennis Club.

Online registration has been implemented for Membership application, Wednesday Night Round Robin, Adult and Junior Spring Lessons and Tuesday Ladies House League for the 2009 season. Online registration will be available starting Wednesday, March 25th. Payment for online registration can be made through Visa, Mastercard or Paypal.

While we will encourage and incent all new and returning members to register online (\$10 Family discount or \$5 Adult, Young Adult, or Junior discount if registering online), we will continue to accept paper membership and program registration forms for these programs. These paper forms will be available in the clubhouse starting Monday, April 6th. Please be aware that payment for paper forms is by cheque only.

You should also be aware that many of our programs are very popular, so registering online is your best bet to secure your spot early.

Please feel free to come out to our Open House on Saturday, April 4th beginning at 11am in the Clubhouse to see the online registration system in action and get answers to any of your questions regarding your membership.

We do expect some glitches during this first year of online registration. We appreciate your patience and support at this time. We hope that once successfully rolled out, members will find this system more convenient and efficient compared to the manual process.

2009 UTC Membership Fees

Register Online to save an additional \$10 off the Family Membership fees below or \$5 off the single Adult/Young Adult/Junior Membership fees below.

Membership Class	Early Bird Fee (until Apr. 26th)	Regular Fee (after Apr. 26th)
<u>Family:</u> 2 adults (parents) plus all junior (children) of the same family	\$245.00	\$280.00
<u>Adult:</u> Aged 22 or older as of Dec. 31, 2008	\$115.00	\$135.00
<u>Young Adult:</u> Aged 18-21 as of Dec. 31, 2008	\$75.00	\$85.00
<u>Junior:</u> Aged 5-17 as of Dec. 31, 2008	\$60.00	\$70.00

Inter-County Team Tryout Schedule

Team	Match Day	Tryout Date/Time
Mixed Majors	Tues evening	Apr 18 th /19 th (Rain dates Apr 25/26) 11am-1pm
Mixed A	Thurs evening	Apr 18 th /19 th (Rain dates Apr 25/26) 11am-1pm
Mixed B	Tues evening	Apr 18 th /19 th (Rain dates Apr 25/26) 1pm-2:30pm
Mixed C	Thurs evening	Apr 18 th /19 th (Rain dates Apr 25/26) 3pm-4:30pm
Ladies Majors	Wed am	Apr 15 th /22 nd 9:30am-11am
Ladies A	Wed am	Apr 15 th /22 nd 9:30am-11am
Ladies B	Wed am	Apr 15 th /22 nd 11am-12:30pm
Ladies C	Wed am	Apr 15 th /22 nd 1:30pm-3pm
Junior Boys/Girls U14 & U12	Sat am	Apr 18 th /19 th (Rain dates Apr 25/26) 8am-9:30am
Junior Boys/Girls U18 & U16	Sat am	Apr 18 th /19 th (Rain dates Apr 25/26) 9:30am-11am

For more information about competitive teams and tryouts, please contact **Raj Maraj**, Competitive Director at competitive@unionvilletennisclub.com

Toronto Raptors Discount for OTA Members

As a member of the OTA, UTC is pleased to pass along the following offer ...

The Toronto Raptors are pleased to announce a NEW OFFER for OTA members this season. Enjoy past paced high intensity entertainment experience of Toronto Raptors Basketball as you watch the team take the court at Air Canada Centre. Purchase tickets for your family and friends to watch the following games and enjoy a 20%-25% discount:

Milwaukee Bucks – Wednesday March 25th, 7:00pm

Oklahoma City Thunder – Friday March 27th, 7:00pm

Chicago Bulls – Sunday March 29st, 3:30pm

To order tickets, call Ryan Tudor-Roberts at (416) 815 6123 or mr-tudor-roberts@mapleleafsports.com.

Unionville Tennis Club – 2009 Programs and Events At-A-Glance

Program	Audience	How to Participate	Start Date/Time
Nets Up Day	All volunteers welcome	Drop in	Sat., April 4 th 10am – 12am (Rain Date: April 5 th 10am – 12am)
Open House/Information Day	All prospective/ returning members	Drop in	Sat., April 4 th 11am – 2pm
Opening Day Social	All members	Drop in	Sat., May 2 nd 11am – 4pm (Rain Date: Sun., May 3 rd)
Adult Inter-County Leagues (Mixed evening and Ladies daytime)	Competitive members	Attend tryouts	See Page 5 for tryout schedule
Junior Inter-County League	Competitive Junior members	Attend tryouts	See Page 5 for tryout schedule
Men's Sunday Morning Drop In	Men	Drop in	Every Sunday Morning from 8am – 10am starting May 3
Ladies Sunday Morning Drop In	Ladies	Drop in	Every Sunday Morning from 10am – 12am starting May 3
Junior, Mens and Ladies Singles Ladders	All members seeking competitive singles play	Sign-up in clubhouse	Ongoing – first ladder starts around May 5
Wednesday Round Robin	Recreational players (i.e. non-competitive) with some basic level of skill	Online Registration	For full details, link to http://www.unionvilletennisclub.com/events.html
Tuesday Morning Ladies House League Doubles	Ladies	Online Registration	For full details, link to http://www.unionvilletennisclub.com/events.html
Mixed Friday Morning Round Robin	Men and Ladies	Attend tryouts on May 8 at 9:30 am	For full details, link to http://www.unionvilletennisclub.com/events.html
Adult Spring Group Lessons	All Adult members	Online Registration	See Page 6 for details
Junior Spring Group Lessons	All Junior members	Online Registration	See Page 6 for details
Adult Social Round Robins	All Adult members	Sign-up sheets will be posted in Clubhouse	T.B.D.
Junior Social Round Robins	All Junior members	Sign-up sheets will be posted in Clubhouse	T.B.D.
Competitive Adult Tournaments (Midseason, OTA and Year-End)	All Adult members	Sign-up sheets will be posted in Clubhouse	T.B.D.
Competitive Junior Tournaments (Midseason, OTA and Year-End)	All Junior members	Sign-up sheets will be posted in Clubhouse	T.B.D.
Nets Down Day	All volunteers	Drop in	T.B.D.
Year-End Party / AGM	All Adult members	Sign-up	T.B.D.

Adult Group Lesson Program

Program Description: Group tennis lessons for members only covering all aspects of the game. This program is intended for adults in the beginner or intermediate level. Maximum 6 students to 1 coach ratio

Program Fee: \$90 (GST included) for 6 weeks of 1.5 hour lessons

Register at: <http://www.unionvilletennisclub.com/events.html>

Session	Times	Dates
Session "A" Mondays	7:00 to 8:30 pm	May 4 to June 15 (excluding May 18)
Session "B" Mondays	8:30 to 10:00 pm	May 4 to June 15 (excluding May 18)
Session "C" Fridays	7:00 to 8:30 pm	May 8 to June 19 (excluding May 15)
Session "D" Fridays	8:30 to 10:00 pm	May 8 to June 19 (excluding May 15)

Junior Group Lesson Program

Program Start: All groups begin week of May 4th.

Program Fee: \$70 (GST included) for 6 weeks of 1 hour lessons (No classes May 16 or 18)

Register at: <http://www.unionvilletennisclub.com/juniors.html>

Level Descriptions:

Starter: Lots of fun with mini nets and easy play balls. This program helps develop hand /eye coordination and racketracquet/ball skills through relevant games. An ideal start for the 5-8 year old.

Beginners 1/2: This program is for players with little or no experience and introduction to the fundamentals of Tennis. Designed for players who may have had some lessons before but play has been limited. Fun games leading to rallying.

Intermediate I: This program is for those players who have had previous lessons and can now rally with some success from the baseline. Drills and point play will be included to develop technique and footwork.


Intermediate II/Advanced: This program is for players who may be working towards Junior team play either at club or school and also for entry level tournaments. A higher level of rallying and serve is required so this is for the more experienced player looking to work on placement, use of spins and tactical play.

Session #	Age Group	Level	Day	Time	Dates
1	9-16 yr olds	Beginner 1/2	Monday	5-6 pm	May 4 to June 15 (excluding May 18)
2	9-16 yr olds	Intermediate 1	Monday	6-7 pm	
3	7-10 yr olds	Beginner 1/2	Tuesday	4-5 pm	May 5 to June 9
4	9-16 yr olds	Intermediate 1	Tuesday	5-6 pm	
5	9-16 yr olds	Intermediate 2 / Advanced	Tuesday	6-7 pm	
6	5-8 yr olds	Starter	Wednesday	5-6 pm	May 6 to June 10
7	9-16 yr olds	Beginner 1/2	Wednesday	6-7 pm	
8	7-10 yr olds	Beginner 1/2	Thursday	5-6 pm	May 7 to June 11
9	12-16 yr olds	Intermediate 1	Thursday	6-7 pm	
10	5-8 yr olds	Starter	Saturday	12:30-1:30 pm	May 9 to June 20 (excluding May 16)
11	9-16 yr olds	Beginner 1/2	Saturday	1:30-2:30 pm	
12	12-16 yr olds	Intermediate 2 / Advanced	Saturday	2:30-3:30 pm	

A Quick Guide to Using Online Registration

From either the registration hot link on UTC's website or from the hot link in the email announcement, you will be redirected to Karelo.com, our selected vendor for registration. You will then have the choice of establishing a Karelo.com id or not. If you want to have your registration information saved for use in future years and future program registrations, you should establish and save a Karelo.com user id and password. Again, this is not required to register or pay for each year, but is useful if you expect to return to UTC from one year to the next, or if you want to review your past registrations.

You can then register for your annual UTC membership under any of the available membership categories which for 2009 are Family, Adult, Young Adult, or Junior. After completing the membership registration, you will be asked to pay the appropriate annual fee for the category under which you registered.

To pay the fee, click on the button → 
Click here to pay

You will then be taken to PayPal's website where you have the option to pay using either a PayPal account, or using your credit card without a PayPal account. If you use a PayPal account, you can pay using any of the payment options you have available within your account. You are not required to have a PayPal account. You may choose instead (still processed by PayPal) to pay by directly entering your credit card information. For this option you may pay using a Visa, MasterCard or American Express credit card. We strongly recommend Visa or Master Card, as American Express converts to US dollars. Upon completing the payment, you can return to the Unionville Tennis Club event registration selection on Karelo.com's website. You can register for other programs at this time or by returning at a later date.

You will receive an email confirmation of your UTC membership and your payment. This will include your new UTC membership number. Please retain this for future use. By issuing a membership number to those members who have paid their fees, we ensure that only valid members enroll in the programs available to members!

For a more detailed Q&A on Online Registration, go to www.unionvilletennisclub.com.