Nets Up!
April 1st, 10 AM
C'mon Out!

RICHMOND HILL LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Opening Day
Saturday
May 6th, 2017
11 AM - 1 PM
Rain or Shine

RHLTC, CROSBY PARK
161 Newkirk Rd, Richmond Hill
905-737-2491

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You'll Like It!

You'll Love It!

You'll want more of it!

Join Now

President's Report

Welcome to the upcoming 2017 Season at the Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Club. We will be kicking off our outdoor summer tennis season on Opening Day, Saturday, May 6, 2017, and we invite all members and the community to join us.

Tennis Strategy Approved
This past year, after much consultation and input from the community, the Town of Richmond Hill approved the much anticipated Tennis Strategy Report. The report and its recommendations are an example of what can be achieved when we work together and we look forward its implementation. Some of the key highlights include the creation of an additional community tennis club/s which will no doubt lessen the capacity issues we currently face at RHLTC. The coordinated implementation and rollout of new community tennis clubs will open the door for more opportunities for residents to access community tennis courts and if they desire, participate in organized tennis. The report concluded there is sufficient demand for additional indoor tennis facilities and it has recommended moving forward with plans to provide greater opportunities for indoor tennis. The report was very clear to ensure residents have access to all public tennis courts including community tennis club courts and we fully support this recommendation as new community clubs are established.

Club Updates

Webcam
Last year, we installed a webcam for courts 1-4 and based on feedback, we will add another camera to cover courts 5 & 6.

Closures
The Town of Richmond Hill has informed us that the six quality tennis courts at David Hamilton Park (Blackmore Tennis Club) will be closed from May 2017 until the Fall of 2018. All of the sports fields and other park areas will be undergoing construction including the tennis courts which will include the expansion of the outer apron of the courts as well as the reconstruction of the parking facilities. As a result, there will not be an indoor tennis facility in operation during the construction period and this will leave Crosby Park as the only six court quality tennis facility for the next two summers. We have been in contact with the Town to find out if there are alternatives that will allow Blackmore to remain open during the winter/summer construction period. If Blackmore is closed, those members interested in indoor winter might consider joining Thornhill Community Tennis Club or the Marilyn Redvers Tennis Centre in Aurora.

Court Availability
As the Club's membership continues to expand, the demands placed on us to provide more lessons, leagues and activities grow. We will be reviewing the court schedule and programming to ensure that we can meet the needs and expectations of the majority of our membership. We realize we cannot be all things to all people, but there are some things we can do to ensure members have access to courts. We plan to review and adjust our lesson program court allocation, and we will be increasing monitor hours.

Tag Board
Court access for members is governed by our tag board rules, and it can only work as it has done for many years if members follow the rules. Last year was a particularly challenging year as we had several issues arise that we had not experienced in the past. We had several incidents of misuse and abuse and although we issued some warnings, we were not nearly as vigilant as we should have been in enforcing the rules which would result in suspension of memberships. I will take full responsibility for this leniency and can assure you that we will be taking steps to make sure all members are aware of the rules and that they will be enforced.

I would again like to personally thank our Board and all the dedicated volunteers who commit a significant amount of time and effort to making RHLTC one of the best community tennis clubs in York Region. I would also like to encourage all members to do their part to lighten the load by contributing whatever skills and time they can to create another outstanding 2017 season of tennis. Great ideas accompanied by a willingness to get involved in making positive change is highly encouraged. Looking forward to another great year of tennis at RHLTC.

See you on the courts!

Michael Bowcott
President
Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Club

RHLTC 2017 Executive

President	Mike Bowcott	**Development**	Mark Foon
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Membership	Kelly Donaldson	**Tournaments**	Jim Kostin
House League	Leon Drotenko		

Your Pathway to Tennis

Juniors

If you are just beginning your journey in tennis, it's best to start in a fun environment! RHLTC is offering a free program where kids are encouraged to bring a friend experience the game of tennis. Our coaches and volunteers will be offering basic instruction and games. Players can also join in our group lesson program. These high-quality lessons teach the skills necessary for kids to learn and enjoy the game. Once the juniors are skilled enough to rally the ball back and forth, they can join our Drop-In League. Sign-up online at rhltc.ca/juniorprograms

Junior Drop-In League - Saturday Mornings

The Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Club is inviting all Junior Tennis players to sign-up for our lesson program including the Junior Drop-In league. The League will run on Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Our Pro's will organize matches (singles and doubles) matching players of similar skill levels. Singles and doubles strategies as well as court etiquette will be covered. Our Pro's organize singles and doubles matches with players, allowing them to apply what was learned in lessons to a game format. Sign-up online at rhltc.ca/juniorprograms

Adults

Have you been looking for an activity that will fit your lifestyle, allow you to be more active and meet new friends? Well, tennis has all that and more. It is a lifetime sport with numerous health benefits and does not discriminate against age, gender or skill level. So how do you get into the game? You can start by signing up for our adult lesson program where we assign you to a class set at your current level of ability. As you progress, you might consider joining the Club and attending our very popular Monday night socials where we match you up with other players and where the emphasis is on having fun and making friends while playing doubles. Take the first step and find out what you have been missing. Join now at www.rhltc.ca **or** Contact manager@rhltc.ca

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Intercounty - John Abate

Competitive InterCounty league is played on the following days. Team fee of $15 payable to your captain before first match

Mixed Majors	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Mixed A	Thursday	7:00 PM
Mixed B	Tuesday	7:00 PM
Mixed C	Thursday	7:00 PM
Ladies Majors, A, B	Wednesday	9:30 am
Ladies C	Thursday	9:30 am
Over 55	Thursday	9:30 am
Jr. League	Saturday	10:00 am

InterCounty Tryout Dates

(Sign-up online and check the website for updates)

Mixed	April	Time
Majors & A	April 22 & 29	10:00 - 11:30 AM
B	April 22 & 29	11:30 - 1:00 PM
C	April 22 & 29	1:00 - 2:30 PM
Mixed Rain Dates	April 30	See Website
Ladies*		
Majors & A	April 22 & 29	10:00 - 11:30 AM
B & C	April 22 & 29	11:30 - 1:00 PM
Over 55*	April 22 & 29	10:00 - 11:30 AM
Rain Date	April 30	See Website

*All tryouts will be held at the Club unless otherwise notified. Check our website for updates. All are welcome!

Socials - Joanne Muench

Once a month we have themed social events that are a huge success. They are a great way to meet new friends, play some fun tennis and enjoy fantastic food. You must sign up for all social events well in advanced to secure a spot. Want to get more involved? Join the social committee and help plan the events. You still get to participate on the day. If you would like to help or have any questions, contact our social director Joanne Muench.

Casey Curtis - High Performance

We look forward to having top rated high performance coach Casey Curtis back for the summer. Casey has a proven track record that speaks for itself. Casey's program is targeted to Intermediate and advanced junior players. Please visit our website for more information. See Lessons Tab

Racquet Stringing

Magic Stringing will once again be back to take care of your racquets stringing needs. Members can choose from a wide range of strings and work with our professional stringer to give you the feel and play you need to take your game to the next level. Contact info@magicstringing.com

House League - Leon Drotenko

House League consists of 6 teams. There are three matches every Wednesday night on a rotational basis that begin at 6:30, 8:00 and 9:30 PM. If you sign up for House League, you are expected to play when scheduled. **Zero tolerance policy for "No Shows".**

- All NEW players must attend tryouts
- Minimum NTRP rating of 3 or higher.
- League is capped at 120 players on a first come first serve basis
- House League is open to all members; however, priority is given to all non-InterCounty players.
- Court restrictions may apply based on skill level
- Team fee of $15 applies

House League Tryout Dates

Wednesday, April 26 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Monday, May 1 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

To register for tryouts or for additional information, please visit the website. League play begins May 10, 2017.

Linda Pretotto Memorial Tournament

In memory of long time member and former board member, the ladies doubles tournament will be renamed to the Linda Prettoto Memorial Ladies Doubles Tournament. It will take place on September 10-12, 2017.

Linda won this Tournament seven times between 1994 and 2008. We are considering making this a non member open tournament for all women. Be sure to sign up online and spread the word.

Monday Night Social

Social nights are always fun times at the RHLTC. Join us on Monday nights for a friendly round of tennis. Place you tag on the board, when you arrive and we will match you up with players of similar skill levels. The Club Pro will be running his very popular group lessons on select nights. See the online calendar. Orientation Night is Monday, May 16, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

We will also be holding several themed events throughout the season. Check the website for more information and please, do not hesitate to send us your own creative ideas for these events.

Lessons/Junior Tennis Drop-In Greg Stoltz

Our 2017 Junior lesson program is now available, and it includes our Junior Drop-In league running on Saturday mornings. Participants take lessons throughout the week and can put those lessons into action by joining our Junior Drop-In on Saturday mornings. We designed the program to focus on development, competition, and excellence. We offer small class sizes to enhance the learning experience. Sign-up before April 23, 2017, to take advantage of our Early-Bird special pricing.

Our lesson and league assessment day will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2:00-4:00pm.

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RHLTC Social Events

2017 Social Events	Date
Monday Social Orientation	May 15
French Open	June 10
Canada Day (Monday night)	June 26
Wimbledon Day	July 8
Family Day	Aug 12

Volunteers

The Club is in need of your help. We are looking for volunteers to commit just a few hours of their time on one or more of our club crews. See the jobs link on the website.

- Nets/Windscreens
- Junior League
- Social Crew
- House League Captains

Tournament Dates
(sign-up online)

Tournament	Date
Over 50's Singles	TBD
Men's & Ladies Singles	July 21-23
Mixed Doubles	Aug 25-27
Men's & Ladies Doubles	Sept 10-12
RHLTC < 3.5	TBD

2017 Membership Fees

Category	Fee	After May 6
Adult	$95.00	$105.00
Family	$230.00	$250.00
Junior	$35.00	$35.00
A Non Resident Surcharge of $10 per person applies		

Looking for a great summer job? We're hiring

We are looking to hire an experienced Club manager as well as Club monitors for the 2017 season. You should have a tennis background (not mandatory), be computer literate, internet enabled and possess good interpersonal skills. Please email manager@rhltc.ca

Our Mission Statement

The Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Club is dedicated to making organized tennis available to community members of all ages and skill levels. Enjoyment of the game of tennis is enhanced through skilled coaching, recreation, and competitive play in a social atmosphere of friendship, encouragement, and respect. We are committed to enriching the lives of our community year round through the game of tennis.

Visit us at www.rhltc.ca

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