



# Comox Valley Tennis Club

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## February 2020 Newsletter

### Club News

Thank goodness it's a leap year, so I can still call this the "February Newsletter" !

First a quick **recap** of some of the highlights from 2019 and how the club, through membership dues and volunteer time, helps promote the sport of tennis.

- Anderton Courts 1-4 were professionally cleaned in Jan 2019. This project was initiated by the club and costs shared between the club and the Town of Comox
- New nets were purchased and installed at Anderton and Lewis
- A new ball machine was purchased for the use of club members
- Anderton Courts 5 & 6 were resurfaced by the Town of Comox. To show our appreciation, the club purchased a new leaf blower and made a commitment to keep these courts free of debris. Thanks a great crew of volunteers, the tennis community at large was able to enjoy these courts well into the fall. We plan to continue this work throughout the year, especially during pollen season when the courts become quite slippery.
- New squeegees purchased for Anderton and a set made available at Lewis Park.
- The Junior programme had a very successful year, thanks to the hard work of Simon over 50 young people were introduced to this great sport.
- ... and of course the tennis ! .. the club organized several inter-club social events, had great opening and closing day socials as well as very well subscribed spring and summer league season. Tans were deepened, friendships were made and occasionally, some balls were well struck !

### OK, so what's in store for 2020 ?

The first club event will take place from 10 - 2 pm **March 14<sup>th</sup>**. Traditionally called "**Sign-up Day**", it's an opportunity for those who have not renewed on-line to renew their memberships and sign up for leagues. However, since the majority of our members now sign up on line, Sign-Up day is now an opportunity to meet the executive, connect with fellow members over coffee and doughnuts and learn about ways to contribute to the club. We will have Sign-Up sheets for the activities listed below. If you can't make it on the 14<sup>th</sup> and are able to contribute a little time to help out the club, please reach out to the indicated [club contact](#) to volunteer. We will also be holding an Special General Meeting around noon to approve the financial statements for 2019.

- Spring Cleaning of the Club House. Peter Hagberg
- Clearing off Anderton Courts 5 & 6 – [sign up](#) or contact Peter Hagberg
- Season Grand Opening – Social tennis and lunch – April 25<sup>th</sup> – Judy Francis
- New Member Drop-ins (Friday afternoons March 20<sup>th</sup> to April 24th. Come out and help welcome new members to the club. – Judy Francis
- Hosting the Arrowsmith Interclub Social – Shane Field
- Hosting the Powell River Interclub Social – Caroline Bouchard
- Hosting the Campbell River Interclub Social – Tony Wong
- Summer Doubles Box Ladder – Annette Mayo

- Junior Programme – Simon Richards
- September AGM and Wrap-up – tennis and lunch – Catherine Black
- Christmas Party Dec 2020 – Sandra Clarke
- Photos and Publicity – Caroline Bouchard

Details on other events we have cued up can be found in the Membership, Events, and League sections of this newsletter.

It's not too early to start thinking about the September AGM. I will be stepping down as president and the executive is searching for replacements in the key roles of president and vice president. Whoever steps into these roles, please know that there is a fantastic team willing to support you and I am happy stay on as past president to assist in whatever capacity. Please don't hesitate to give me a call or email if you have questions or an interest in taking on these vital roles (or joining the club executive in any capacity !). In short the club president is responsible for setting and monitoring the goals of the club, running club meetings, appointing committee chairs and delegating tasks as necessary – piece of cake !

Catherine

Members of our executive for 2020:

- President: Catherine Black
- Vice President: Annette Mayo
- Treasurer: Maury Harte / Don Axtel
- Past President: Tony Wong
- Secretary: Caroline Bourchard
- League Co-ordinators: Sandra Clarke, Christine Cybulski, Don Axtell, Tony Wong
- Facilities: Peter Hagburg
- Membership Co-ordinator: Judy Francis

## Membership

- Membership renewal for 2020 is now open. If you haven't already done so, please sign up online at our website <http://comoxvalleytennis.org/join-us>. There will also be a Membership and Volunteer Sign Up Day on Saturday, March 14th at the Anderton clubhouse starting at 10 AM. Drop by, have a coffee, hit some balls and meet the club executive and find out how you can support the club.
- Friday afternoons at 5 pm from March 20 to April 24<sup>th</sup>, Judy Francis and other volunteers will be hosting New Member Drop In. This is a great opportunity for new members to meet people in the club. Please drop by and welcome our new members.
- To help new and not so new members brush up on their skills we are offering 2 sets of adult group lessons. For more information see the descriptions under Events on the Home Page. If you are interested in these lessons, but after working hours, Simon will also be offering lessons through the Comox Rec Centre ([Spring Recreation Reporter](#)) and directly through his web page [simontennis.ca](http://simontennis.ca)

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## 2020 Events

- Saturday, Mar 14, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Membership and Volunteer Sign Up Day - at Anderton

- . AGM to approve financial statements will begin at noon.
  - Friday, March 20 to April 24 (6 nights at Anderton Park) New Members drop in, hosted by Judy Francis
  - Mondays April 6 - 26th , 1pm - [adult beginner group lessons](#)
  - Wednesday Apr 8 - 29th, 1pm - [adult intermediate group lessons](#)
  - Saturday, April 25th Season Grand Opening - at Anderton Park . Come for food, fun social tennis mixer
  - Monthly social tennis events (Volunteers needed – please contact the executive if you are interested in helping out)
  - Inter-club visits with Campbell River, Powell River and Arrowsmith tennis clubs (TBD)
  - Saturday September 12 Season Wrap-up
  - Saturday, December 5 - Christmas Party at the Comox Golf Club
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## League Schedule

You will be notified by the league co-ordinators when registration is ready on the website. Please remember you must be an active member to register for league. The start dates for the spring leagues are listed below.

- Monday - May 4 - Start date Men's Doubles - at Lewis.
  - Tuesday- May 5 - Start date Women's Doubles - at Anderton
  - Wednesday- May 6 - Start date Singles M & W - at Lewis
  - Thursday- May 7- Start date Mixed Doubles - at Anderton
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## Junior Program

Simon Richards will be continuing our highly successful, fun junior program for this season. Spread the word to your friends and family ! Registration is open [NOW under Events on our home page](#).

This year the focus of the club programs will be to give the kids the ability and confidence to play games independently. More skills based lessons will be offered through [Rec Centre programs](#) and [private lessons](#).

Look for the ad in the Spring Recreation Reporter. [Junior ad 2020.pdf](#)