



## Newsletter – Feb/08

### **Report on Super Bowl Weekend**

In spite of the weather many brave souls dug their way out and made it on to the court to join our pros in battle. The round robin was very popular with many players approving the format.

In the singles exhibition Bill Leigh and Marlon Coehlo gave us a spirited set with Bill coming out on top. That was followed by a super doubles match with Bill and John Murray taking on Brad Slingo and Dave Rowat. Our enjoyment of it was summed up in the first comment I heard, "We've got to do this again." I think we all agree on that. The guys really put on an entertaining show. Our thanks to Bill, Marlon, John, Brad and Dave for donating their time and energy.

We also want to give a 'well done' to our food crew. We had an abundance of chili and other goodies to please the palate. Thanks to Barb Buhlman-Fleming (and Syd), Helen McArdyle, Pam Krokoczynski and Helen Nethercott.

Come Saturday morning Sally and Doug were busy in the kitchen scrambling eggs and flipping pancakes for the guys in the round robins. Once Sunday rolled around and we added Dave and Mike to the kitchen patrol then our production line really started to move. I'm not saying it got better mind you, just faster. After some early success, Dave's forehand technique with the pancake flipping started to deteriorate as the pressure of production mounted. If anyone knows of a 'Clinic' in the area make sure you pass the information on to Dave. Mike chose to be 'toastmaster' and showed none of the mental toughness problems that struck Dave.

### **Junior Tournament:**

Dave directed our junior tournament with over 20 juniors taking part. Several of the kids were in competition for the first time. It was great to see all the activity. Dave was impressed with the level of play. We are adding several junior events to our calendar in the spring and summer.

Winners:

Our raffle prizes:

Warm-up Suit – donated by **Chris Edwards of Courts Plus** was won by John Tibbits

Wilson Racquet – donated by Doug was won by Martha Gondar

Free Lesson – donated by **Mike Ratcliffe** was won by

Free Lesson – donated by **Dave Rowat** was won by Jake Boguski

I would like to thank Sally, Marten, Donna, Dave and Mike for putting in a lot of extra time and effort to make this event a success. Also thank you to all the members who participated and who donated to **Ray of Hope**. In spite of the weather we were able to raise nearly \$500.00

John Murray accepted on behalf of Ray of Hope and asked that we pass on their appreciation to everyone.

#### **Future Challenges:**

Some good ideas for future events were put forward. Stay tuned.