



Newsletter



Special year, special events, special memories. This best describe the 100th Anniversary celebrations of our club as we look back on this memorable year.

A 100th Anniversary Planning Committee comprised of the chair Mary Ruehlicke, then Vice-president of the board, Helen McArdle, Joanne Raymond, Mary Liz Hearn and myself had the daunting task of planning the year's special events. The celebratory events paid tribute

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President's Message

to the past albeit with new twists. The first, The Green and White Doubles tournament on May 24 was a throwback to the popular Mini-Mixed tournament that kicked off the summer season for its members. Organized by Joanne Raymond and her sub-committee, and played on a beautiful spring day, it was an excellent start to the 100th activities and boded well for the rest of the year.

The club's official Opening Ceremony took place a week later and the whole community was invited. It was a reminder that the Waterloo Tennis Club was, and still is, a valuable community asset. To validate this, several prominent members of the community and the Ontario Tennis Association were in attendance. The Mayors of Waterloo and Kitchener, the MP and MPP of Waterloo, the CEO and the President of the OTA and the Athletic Director of the University of Waterloo honoured us with their presence. It was also wonderful to see so many past members reacquainting themselves with the club.

Unlike the week before, the weather could not have been more different. We were 'blessed' with almost continuous rain and temperatures that dropped to near zero. Led by Helen McArdle, this sub-committee showed resiliency, all part of the

meticulous pre-planning, in adapting to the challenging situation. The conditions may even have helped to create the jolly atmosphere as a hundred and sixty or so attendees crammed into the clubhouse and indoor courts for warmth and shelter. The attendees were treated to a beautifully decorated lounge where tennis memorabilia and an impressive collection of albums and articles documenting the club's history were elegantly displayed. Also on display were the young talents of tomorrow participating in a specially organized tournament. The day was to showcase the achievements of the past and that of our future possibilities.

The third major event was the 100th Gala in September headed by Mary Ruehlicke. It was scheduled to coincide with the awards dinner that traditionally marked the end of the outdoor season. September 19 too was 'blessed' with showers but that did not dampen the spirits of the 100 members and guests who came out to dine, dance and be entertained. The indoor courts 7 and 8 were transformed into a lovely venue and the work that went into preparing and restoring the courts was massive in its undertaking considering it was accomplished by a handful of volunteers. Led by Mary, Joanne and board members Lisa Hoffman and Suzanne Edwards,



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the gala was a fitting end to a wonderful run of successes. Enough cannot be said for the work done by these individuals.

On display at every event were the efforts of the History committee headed by Mary Liz Hearn. The articles and photo albums provided meaning to the celebrations. Past members were able to walk down memory lane and everyone present at any of the events was able to get a glimpse of what made this club the venerable institution it is today. The hours that went into the preparation for this aspect of the 100th Anniversary were second to none.

Not to be forgotten are the volunteers who spruced up the club grounds and gave the outdoor furniture a facelift. The efforts were well worth it as the club looked better than it has for many years. Chris Krokoszynski, WTC's maintenance manager and the volunteers did a splendid job. Julie Zwarych, John and Yvonne Pezzack, in particular contributed a tremendous number of hours in this area and still continue to do so. The support, good will and dedication of the staff and coaches went a long way in making things run smoothly. They didn't disappoint when more was required of them.

While individual members of the Board were also volunteers in 100th sub-committees, the

Board as a body was kept occupied taking care of normal business. This year there were a number of upgrades and additions to the facilities and each project required scrutiny and discussion before given the green light. The new porch and installation of the long awaited sprinkler system are examples.

As most of you would have noticed by now, the main floor of the club house has been redecorated and refurbished. While this project involved extra work for the staff having to relocate the area of operation and members were put to some inconvenience for a fortnight or so, the star of this project was Board secretary Suzanne Edwards. She spent hours in the overall planning and supervision, which included researching the new appliances and furniture. Her contributions to the club this year are outstanding.

The club had another successful financial year, surpassing those of past years. Like last year, much of it the result of our lessons programs. For this we have our pros to thank, especially Head Pro Gary Winter and club Manager Helen McArdle who plan the programs. We say "Adios" to Manny who has left us for warmer climes and hopefully a brighter future for his family.

A special acknowledgment to the retiring board members – Mary Ruehlicke, Ned Lazoja, Lisa

Hoffman and Rudy Gatzke for their contributions in ensuring the club's stability and steady financial success over the last four years. They were unstinting with their time, and their skills were exactly what were needed to bring the club to its present healthy state. The club is again fortunate that the current board, made up of four new members and three returning ones, show promise of continuing the good work as the club begins another chapter in its history.

As the year draws to a close, I wish to thank sincerely all those who contributed to the club's success by being loyal to it over the years and kudos to all of the volunteers for donating so much of their time and energy in making this year an amazing one. On behalf of the club, I also thank the various companies that were generous with their goods and services and to the various media outlets for promoting the club's historic achievement.

I wish everyone happy holidays, a very Merry Christmas and hope that 2016 will bring good health, happiness and peace to all.

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Manager's Message



As our 100th year draws to a close it's a good time to reflect on what's happened in this historic year.

Financially we're off to another good year with membership numbers up and our lesson program continuing to do well.

With the funds received from our Trillium grant we've put in a revolving door to the bubble along with new emergency doors and we've replaced the leaking roof. As a result of our excellent financial year in 2014/2015 we were able to plan some much needed renovations. Early in the summer we put on a new porch around the clubhouse and installed a sprinkler system for our clay courts. At the close of the summer, the University of Waterloo resurfaced courts 9 and 10 to fix the cracks that had developed on them. In the Fall, a complete renovation was done of the main floor.

This year the 100th committee created the club calendar based on special events to celebrate our anniversary. Club

members, new and old, enjoyed coming out to all of these.

Over the summer we had a great team working on keeping our clay courts in tip top shape: Chris Krokoszynski, Gord Thiel, Andrew Gillard, Rylan Ledgley, Kiu So, Felix Meng and Markus Lenizky.

While members were enjoying the outdoor courts, our indoor courts were hopping with our summer camps. Our Head Pro, Gary Winter handled the administrative side of things while recovering from his hip surgery. On court Kye Allen and Manny Castillo were our two main coaches. They were joined this year by Cameron Barber and Markus Lenizky who had both just finished their coaching certification. This team was helped by a number of our club juniors who volunteered their time. Mike Ratcliff and Robert Rotaru used the indoor courts over the summer to teach adult classes in the evening.

At the end of the summer we said goodbye to one of our coaches as Manuel Castillo moved to Florida. Robert Rotaru who had already been coaching at the club agreed to take over most of his classes. One of our own club members and former board member, Ned Lazoja was hired as our newest club pro. Ned is focusing on our youngest juniors and has

developed a new Elite U12 program for the club. Through the coaching of Ned, Kye and Robert the program has already produced great results. Five of our under 12 juniors have made the provincials and our under 10 team competed and placed third in an OTA provincial event last month.

At the front desk, two new staff members joined our dedicated team, Andrew Gillard and Jennifer Westbroek. I'd like to thank them along with Sally Kemp, Filbert Nghiem, Olivia Nelles, Brenda Nelson, Yvonne Pezzack, Julia Riley and Nick White for all their hard work this year.

Volunteers have been amazing this year! You'll find their names mentioned throughout this Newsletter. My sincere thanks to each and every one of you for all your efforts to improve the club. I look forward to working with our year round volunteers, the Board of Directors, as we plan for another great year.

May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace, the gladness of Christmas give you hope, the warmth of Christmas grant you love.

Helen McArdle
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COACH'S CORNER

With
Gary Winter
Head Tennis Pro

Unforced Errors

"To err is human, to eliminate unforced errors is divine"



By far-and-away the "easiest" way to get better at tennis, is to reduce your unforced errors. An unforced error is a missed shot that one would expect to make under most playing conditions. They are the bane of a tennis player's existence.

Reducing unforced errors is the "easiest" way to get better, because, at your present level, you likely already have some of the skills needed to reduce errors. An increased awareness of your unforced errors might simply be enough to help you reduce them. A better understanding of your shot selection might greatly improve your percentage of success.

An effective player at any level is a player who makes the most with what they have (of course, while also striving to improve). In other words, they consistently play within their ability. Control your technique, don't let it control you.

Unforced errors are evaluated relative to the level of play. For example, a 3.0 level player might feel forced on a moderately-paced shot to their backhand, where as a 4.0 player will routinely make that same shot. Therefore, if the 4.0 player misses this shot, it is considered an unforced error. Unforced errors are, of course, open to some discussion.

Interestingly, the Play Tennis Self Rating Guidelines up to a 4.0 level, mostly address consistency and co-operative control aspects of the game, not power or put-aways. Looking at the descriptions for groundstrokes at the various levels:

2.0 (Beginner) Can get the ball in play but lacks control, resulting in inconsistent rallies. Often chooses to hit forehands instead of backhands

2.5 (Advanced Beginner) Can consistently rally a minimum of 10 balls in a row, especially on the forehand, with an arced trajectory over the net, when the objective is to hit to a partner at a moderate speed.

3.0 (Lower Intermediate) Can consistently rally with both forehand and backhand. Able to maintain the rally when receiving more challenging shots at a moderate pace.

3.5 (Intermediate) Has achieved improved stroke dependability with directional control on moderate shots, but still lacks variety and the ability to control the depth of shots.

4.0 (Advanced Intermediate) Able to develop points with some consistency by using a reliable combination of shots (including lobs, approach shots, drop shots, etc). Is erratic when attempting more aggressive shots.

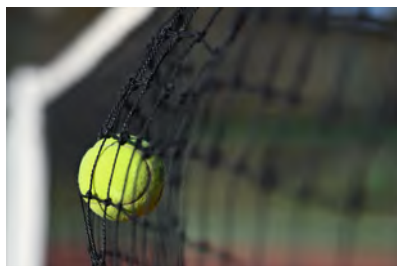
Even 4.5 and 5.0 level players (considered to be Advanced players), who are using power and hitting winners, are described as still "lacking patience" and "tending to overhit on challenging shots."

These self-rating descriptions are well thought out and quite accurate. I recommend that you read these descriptions to get a clearer idea of where you stand as a player and what you need to focus on to get to the next level of play.

Here's a link to the best version of the general guidelines I have come across.

<http://www.tpacanada.com/sites/default/files/play%20tennis.pdf>

Following are a few tips to help you reduce unforced errors.



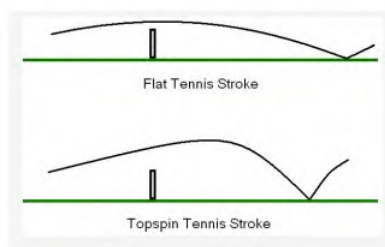
“DOH”

Over the Net

At its most basic level, tennis is a game where you first have to hit the ball over the net and second have it land inside the lines. The most common unforced errors are into the net. There may be a few reasons why you are hitting into the net, but the most likely one is simply not giving your shots enough “margin of error.” Learn to give your shots a reasonable margin of error over the net and you will quickly reduce this unforced error.

Aiming higher on your groundstrokes (i.e. three to six feet over the net) and producing an “arced” trajectory will get this done. Height is a directional control. You do not necessarily need to hit the ball harder in order to hit it higher. Developing topspin on your groundstrokes (around a 3.5 level) can help get more clearance over the net and create an arced trajectory. Rafael Nadal has made a career out of hitting his forehand with the the heaviest topspin of any pro player. This takes the “over

the net and inside the lines” to another level.



Speed Control

One of the biggest challenges for players at all levels, but particularly 2.5 - 4.0, is controlling the speed of the shot. To develop more feel for the speed of your shots, focus on longer rallies at a constant, controlled speed (i.e. a minimum of ten shots using forehands and backhands). A good warm-up routine is to get to fifty shots by tens (i.e. 10 shots x 5 times). All the better if you can get to fifty in a row once. Then play around with slowing down (drop shots and lobs) and increasing the speed. Keep coming back to the controlled tempo.

Early Preparation

A general rule of thumb at all levels, is to be prepared to hit before the ball bounces on your side. I won't get into the details of how to do this here. Suffice to say that, in terms of timing of technique, most beginner and intermediate players wait too long and then are rushed to fit in their swing and thus compromise their technique. Many players up to an intermediate level will feel awkward with early preparation, because they rely

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on the bounce to set off their racquet preparation. Watch pro players and you will see what early preparation looks like. Getting to the next level of play requires being able to deal with an increased tempo of play.

Improved Defense

Playing defensive shots (i.e. keeping a challenging shot in play) is as much a part of the game as hitting offensively. Players like Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray are known for their ability to play on the defense and thus force their opponent to play one more shot. The best way to practice this is to challenge yourself to keep a ball in play (over the net and inside the lines), no matter what.



Doing what it takes to stay in the point

Co-operative vs Competitive

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We often see tennis mostly as a competitive endeavor. While this certainly can be the case, when we only play competitively we are missing out on a big part of what the game can be. In a co-operative rally, one would expect to make fewer unforced errors. Hitting co-operatively with your partner and trying to be as consistent as possible, is one of the most effective ways to get better faster, and get a good workout too.

There are many co-operative drills you can do that require patience and consistency. A great drill when there are three players is to have the lone player hitting cross-courts, while the two on the other side are hitting down-the-line (using the singles court side-lines). Switch around every two minutes.

Tactics before Technique

It is helpful to keep in mind that your first consideration when developing technical skills is to understand what your tactical objective is. If you are simply out to rally with a partner and hit lots of balls,

then hitting at a pace where you can sustain longer rallies will be more fun and fulfilling than having short rallies and spending your time picking up balls.

One of the most basic competitive tactics at any level of play is to be more consistent than your opponent (often referred to as “shot tolerance”). As much as hitting winners can feel good, if you are missing more than you are making, you will not win unless your opponent is missing more than you. That is why we say “the ball is in your court.” Meaning, let’s see what you can do with it now.

One of the most telling statistics in a pro match is the ratio of unforced errors to winners.

15	WINNERS	26
22	UNFORCED ERRORS	32

Good Errors

Sometimes it is OK to make an error. A good error is one where you have a “high percentage” intention (less risky) and you hit the ball well, but still miss. When you miss a shot you have hit with increased power or precision, this can be a good error. The intention was good but the execution was a bit off. Good errors are also a necessary part of taking your game to the next level as you have to push the envelope of your skill. Next time you play, be aware of your good errors and see them in a positive light.

Why do I lose when I’m the better player?

One of the most common frustrations I hear from players in the 3.5 and 4.0 level, is how they struggle against “weaker” players. They feel they are the better player, so they should win. Competitive tennis is all about getting the ball back one more time. Tennis is not a judged sport. You don’t get more points for style or the risk level of your shots (i.e. figure skating and diving).

Is the better player the one who wins any way they can (playing within the code of fair conduct) or the one who has better looking strokes? I’ll let you be the judge of that.

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Club Championships Results



Women's Singles

L-R: Julie Zwarych ("B" Finalist), Rosemary Erb ("B" Champion), Martha D'Agostino ("A" Finalist) Kenzie Arnott ("A" Champion)

Singles



Men's Singles

**Jean-François Biasse (Champion)
Filbert Nghiem (Finalist)**



Men's Singles 'B'

Derek Holzscherer (Champion)



Men's Singles 'B'

Ryan Hummel (Finalist)



Men's Singles 'C'

**John Lintzeris (Champion)
James Southworth (Finalist)**

Club Championships Results



L-R

Women's Doubles "A" Finalists
Shirley Fenton & Pat Babcock

"A" Champions

Martha D'Agostino & Suzanne Edwards



L-R

Men's Doubles "A" Champions
Steven Nieboer & Filbert Nghiem

"A" Finalists

Chris Edwards & John Ferland

Doubles



L-R

Women's Doubles "B" Finalists
Joanne Raymond & Ying Liu

"B" Champions

Pat Craton & Helen McArdle



L-R

Men's Doubles "B" Champions
Bao Lam & Sang Luong

"B" Finalists

John Lintzeris & Stavros Asimis



L-R

Men's Doubles "C" Finalists
Juan Roman & Remi Gagnon

"C" Champions

Tom Nguyen & Mike Nghiem

Club Championships Results



L-R
"A" Champions
 Ryan MacLean & Kenzie Arnott

"A" Finalists
 Pat Babcock & Nick White



L-R
"B" Finalists
 Lisa Hoffman & Steven Nieboer

"B" Champions
 Suzanne & Chris Edwards



L-R
"C" Champions
 Bao Lam & Leovina Canete

"C" Finalists
 Ying Liu & Andrew Gillard



Standings Through Week 5

157	Mike Minh Nghiem	Player Info
146	Andrzej Przepiora	Player Info
145	Scott Kirkwood	Player Info
123	Bill Sherifali	Player Info
117	Andrew Gillard	Player Info
101	Gregory Knight	Player Info
86	Juan Roman	Player Info
76	Yordan Gongalov	Player Info
75	Hugh Mellow	Player Info
24	Ryan Haggarty	Player Info
3	Frank Henigman	Player Info
0	amin murji	Player Info
0	Michelle Rogers	Player Info
0	Barry Martinelli	Player Info
0	Adrian Decsei	Player Info
0	Richard Dumais	Player Info

Ladder

The Fall singles adult ladder is up and running. This is a great and easy way to set up singles matches with a number of different members within the club.

You must sign up for a free Courtside Canada account to play on the ladder.

There is a \$5 registration fee to join the ladder.

Congrats to Staffen Hagberg for winning the Summer Singles Ladder with 410 points. Scott Page was the most active player. He managed to play 35 matches over the summer.

At the end of November, Mike Nghiem was at the top of the Fall Ladder with 157 points. This ladder will run until the end of December so there is still time to join and try to get to the top.



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SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Courts Plus Tournament



The Vietnamese Tennis Group held a doubles tournament during the summer. The champions were Vinh Hoang & Tien Tran and the finalists were Thanh Hoang & Nhan Nguyen



Century Round Robin Mixer paired up club members to get their ages as close to 100 as possible. Young Sava Uncianschi's team got the most points but he needed two partners (Andrew Gillard and Juergen Ruehlicke) to get their age over 100! Afterwards everyone enjoyed ice cream sundaes in the club lounge.



Invitational Century Tournament
Victoria Park won with WTC team coming a close second.



Pro-Am Mixer

RENOVATIONS



<~ New porch
photo courtesy of JL Concrete

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**New revolving door and
emergency exits**



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**3/4 court lines painted
through Tennis Canada
grant**

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**Courts 9 and 10
resurfaced by University
of Waterloo**



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**Fireplace mantel
donated by Janis &
Bruce Uhrig from
Stairworks**



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**Complete renovation of
main floor including
kitchen.**

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**Roof replaced and
eavestrough installed on
back of clubhouse**

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Green & White Tournament

The Green and White Tournament kicked our 100th season off to a great start! Forty eight club members competed against each other throughout the day. Each player played two doubles matches and two mixed doubles matches. The food, drink, socializing and tennis made for a wonderful day for everyone. Special thanks to the organizing committee: Joanne Raymond, Tony & Phyllis Pimenoff, Nancy Lee Ledgley and Kelvin Hui. At the end of the day, those in first place were Pat Babcock, Kathleen Janzen, Ed D'Agostino & Dennis Huss. In second place were Juergen Ruehlicke, Pam Krokoszynski, Agnes Pitsch & Mark McArdle.



100th Anniversary Open Day

The morning of our Opening Day we looked to the future of our 100-year-old club by having our coaches on court giving free junior clinics followed by a junior tournament. Congrats to Tanner Cheng (U9 champion), Conner Cheng (U9 runner up), Annabelle Genescu (U9 champion), Sofia Jurkowski (U9 runner up), Julius Misheal (U12 champion) and Aleeza Zafar (U12 runner up).



The rain didn't dampen the spirits or put out the flames of the barbeque as we got ready to put on a great lunch for our guests. Waterloo Brewery greeted everyone as they arrived with a free sample and volunteers Wido Westbroek and Mark McArdle barbequed the donated M&M Meats burgers to perfection.



A team of volunteers welcomed everyone into the clubhouse and got an assembly line going to feed

everyone and show them through to 'The Museum'.



After lunch, everyone moved into the bubble for the opening ceremony. Melanie McArdle sang 'O Canada' which was then followed by speeches from the following dignitaries: Dave Jaworsky (Mayor of Waterloo), Roly Webster (UW Athletic Director), Peter Braid (MP), Catherine Fife (MPP), Scott Fraser (President, Ontario Tennis Association), Pat Craton (President, Waterloo Tennis).



Once the beautiful anniversary cake created by Jirina's Bakery was cut, we sat back to enjoy the exhibition matches. Robert Rotaru (Top 25 in Ontario) and Drew Owen (former Wingate University MVP Player) warmed up by being paired up with the winners of the junior tournament. This led to

highly entertaining tennis as the Robert and Drew incurred penalties like having to play with jumbo racquets given out by the "chair umpire", Mark McArdle.



Following the warmup, Drew and Robert were ready to get the main exhibition match started. And what a match they gave us! The speed of the serves and the athleticism of both players was breathtaking. Thank goodness, club member and certified chair umpire, Betsy Yu was in the chair to keep us up to date on the score. In the end, Robert showed why he's in the top 25 in Ontario.



Our thanks to those that donated products and prizes for the event: M&M Meat Shops (burgers), Waterloo Brewery (samples), Jim McGill and Ekaton (donating barbeque), Jim Uhrig from the Granite Club (podium and

100th Anniversary Open Day

sound system), OTA (prizes), Tennis Canada (prizes), Hydrogenics (prizes), Tony Cho (prizes) and Wildcraft Grill Bar(prizes).

This event could not have been pulled off without the help of my committee Jenn Westbroek and Doris Ernst and our team of volunteers: Field Westbroek, Ethan Westbroek, Matthew McArdle, Melanie McArdle, Katie Cowan, Kristian Kopic, Nicholas Zwarych, Linda Daniel, Gord Daniel, Denise Dolff, Susan Seredynsky, Mike Watson, Suzanne Edwards, Ellen Molenaar, Heather Wakeling, Janine Heider, Kathleen Janzen, Mary Mcdougall, Judy Voisin and Wayne Ernst.

Submitted by Helen McArdle



Photo credits for this event courtesy of Juan Gomez, Mark McArdle and the OTA

The Museum

Our 100th year is almost over. We celebrated the event in many different ways. One special undertaking was having 'The Museum' on display for the Opening Event on May 31st and also September 19th for both Doors Open and the Gala. It was located in the upper lounge of the clubhouse.

The project of putting together 'The Museum' was a five-year journey trying to fit together the pieces of the hundred-year puzzle.

What started the journey was the death of Marten Johnson in November 2009. Marten had been a fixture at the club for years but he wasn't much for keeping records. When he died, his knowledge of the club went with him. I had been asked a few times to update the club history from the time I wrote the book *A History of the Waterloo Tennis Club* in 1977. It was something that I wasn't sure I could do. Marten's death gave me a motive to try. My goal was to have something ready for the club's 100th anniversary.



From the start I had no intention of writing another book. Gathering the material would be a big enough job. I wanted photos and stories and artifacts. I soon discovered that the club had little in the way of records. So I began interviewing older members, Helen Nethercott, Ron Wagner, Lyn Paul and others. I went to the Waterloo Public Library and

spoke to Janet Seally, Manager of Local History. She stated that they would archive material but would not do any of the research. Jon Fear, who formerly wrote the *Flash from the Past* articles in The Waterloo Region Record, informed me that old photos could be obtained through the K-W Record Negative Collection at the Dana Porter Library (UW). Jane Brittan, the chief archivist at Dana Porter in 2011, kindly sent me a list of all the tennis photos. I then proceeded to spend time at that library looking at the negatives before selecting around forty to be printed. I also put an advertisement in the Waterloo Historical Bulletin. Marjorie Kohli responded to the notice and from her I received the photo of the club taken in Waterloo Park, July 1915 as well as a picture of Art Huenergard, the club's first president, both exceptional prize pieces.

As I continued to gather material it became obvious I needed a method of sorting it. My solution was to make albums that covered the different themes. The outcome was the following eight albums: *Club Champions; Members of the Waterloo Tennis Club and Social Events; History Notes of the Waterloo Tennis Club Juniors; Presidents and Partners; Gallery of Players; Interurban; The Western; The WOW and Cooper Challenger.*

Research is very time consuming. I spent a lot of time at the Waterloo Public Library looking at the microfilm old copies of *The Kitchener-Waterloo Record* newspapers to find specific information. The photos I had purchased from the Dana Porter Library had a date but no captions and I needed to identify who was in the photo and what was the event. Melanie MacLean volunteered to help me with this beginning in 2011. Locating photos of every president, manager and pro took a huge amount of time. Even so I did not get all the puzzle pieces, a photo of every person listed. Interesting was the fact that some of the later history was just as difficult to locate as the old.

A steering committee to organize the 100th celebration was set up by January 2015. I was made chair of the history events. I have Pat Craton, Yvonne Pezzack and Melanie MacLean, my committee people, to thank for helping me. We discussed making history boards highlighting key information along with pertinent photos. With a lot of work from the whole committee, particularly Pat Craton who edited almost all the written text, twelve boards were produced: *First President: Art Huenergard; Lasting Legacy: Ralph Tailby, President 1964-1968; Presidents of Waterloo Tennis Club – 2 boards; Managers of Waterloo Tennis Club and Head Teaching Professionals of Waterloo Tennis Club; Marten Johnston 1945-2009, Gentleman of Tennis; Waterloo Tennis Club Partners: The City of Waterloo and The University of Waterloo – 2 boards; Juniors and the Junior Program of the Waterloo Tennis Club which included Outstanding Waterloo Tennis Club Juniors – 2 boards; The Western Ontario Open Tennis Championship; The Challenger Comes to Waterloo.*



There was some additional material submitted to 'The Museum'. Tennis Canada sent several white balls and old racquets, our senior pro Mike Ratcliff lent two beautiful books on the history of tennis along with his collection of very old racquets, Joanne Raymond brought her album on the WOW (Women's Challenger pro event) and there was a range of artifacts from the club: old junior and Western trophies and glasses showing the different club logos.

The celebratory days arrived. For the Opening Day of May 31st where everyone from the community was invited to come to the club and take part in the scheduled events a committee of hostess/monitors was set-up to welcome people and safeguard the material in 'The Museum'. A thank you goes to the people who volunteered: Janine Heider, Elizabeth Huss, Kathleen Janzen, Sally Kemp, Melanie MacLean, Ellen Molenaar, Yvonne Pezzack, and Christel Weber. A thank you also goes to Kye Allen, Markus Lenizky, Betty Yuska, Yvonne Pezzack, and John Pezzack who helped set up the room on Friday night. The day turned out to be big success with an excellent crowd perusing the material.

'The Museum' set-up for the Opening Day was repeated for both Doors Open and The Gala. In this case I have Betty Yuska and Joan Bradich to thank for setting up the lounge on the Friday night. On Saturday morning for Doors Open there was a need once again for people to welcome, inform and monitor 'The Museum' material. Yvonne Pezzack and Kathleen Janzen did the first shift while Melanie MacLean and Janine Heider did the second.

Helen McArdle arranged for volunteers to help transport 'The Museum' into the bubble for the Gala.

Many different members had the opportunity of enjoying looking at the pictures and history boards.



What happens next? The goal is to edit some of the album material and then to deposit most of it at the Waterloo Library local history archives.

Submitted by Mary Liz Hearn

Waterloo Tennis Club 100th Anniversary Gala

One hundred plus members, guests and staff joined in the celebration at the WTC 100th Anniversary Gala held on September 19, 2015. The gala was the finale in a series of special events planned during the year to celebrate and show our pride in our history, culture and achievements.

Courts 7 & 8, under the bubble, provided a spectacular setting for the festivities. Court 7 was the backdrop for mixing and mingling where past and present members and friends had a chance to catch up over cocktails and hot and cold appetizers. A photographer was on hand to take pictures to remember the evening. The history boards and albums, prepared by the history committee, were also on display for the evening.

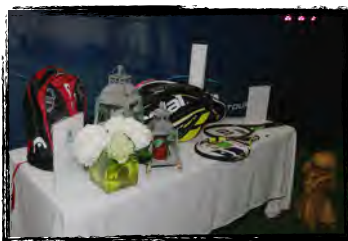
Dinner tables, in white linens with fresh hydrangea centre pieces, circled around a 12 x 16 dance floor on court 8. A delicious meal, catered by UW Catering was served to guests: Duet of Chicken and Grilled Fillet Mignon with a Pommery mustard and Jack Daniels sauce, potato, seasonal vegetables, and cheesecake for dessert.

After dinner, a number of presentations were made to recognize the Club Championship winners as well as members of our 2015 Inter Urban and Inter City teams. Fifteen recipients of the President's Award were recognized for their various contributions to the Club and the game of tennis. A special thank you was given to the member volunteers who served on the 100th anniversary committees that planned, organized and ran the special events this year.

Finally, it was time for dancing. The lights were turned down, and the music was cranked up. DJ Eric played a variety of music that got everyone up on the dance floor, a sure sign of a fun evening. What a great way to have celebrated a century of tennis!

Submitted by Mary Ruehlicke

Photos by Melanie McArdle



President's Award for Outstanding Service to the Club

The idea of a President's Award to recognize the valuable contribution of a club member on an annual basis was first thought of by Bob Broad, president from 1991-93. Only one person was named during his two-year term. That member was Helen Nethercott, who was already an Honourary Life Member. The initiative unfortunately, never got off the ground after 1992. As part of the 100th celebrations this year, the Board thought it fitting that this project should be resurrected to pay tribute to outstanding volunteers and contributors to the club.

As members of the 100th anniversary History committee, Mary Liz Hearn and I had the privilege and the unenviable task of selecting the candidates. We decided against posthumous awards because the list would be far too long. This year's list comprised 15 names to join Helen Nethercott's. There were other candidates who were equally deserving but as we hope this award will now become a WTC tradition, all deserving members, past and present will eventually receive recognition for their service.

The contributions of the individuals chosen this year cover a span of 60 years plus starting in the 1950s to the more recent past. As well, they cover a wide variety of service to the club. The criteria which we used to guide us include 1) The length of membership and sustained volunteer service in any capacity, be it in the boardroom or as a member doing mundane but nonetheless, necessary behind-the-scenes tasks. 2) Contribution to the development of tennis activities and raising the club's profile by achievements on the courts whether in participating in the club's social and competitive events and/or playing at a high standard of tennis at the provincial, national and international levels. 3) Generosity to the club through personal donations and sponsorship that benefit the club. 4) Their efforts contributed to the stability and development of the club.

Most, if not all of the recipients selected have contributed to the club in several of these areas and not just in one. It was the range and length of their contributions that separated them from other worthy club volunteers for recognition this year.

Congratulations to the following are the recipients of the 2015 President's Award for Outstanding Service to the Club: L-R: Joanne Raymond, Sheila Brown, Janine Heider, Edward Rochejacquelin, Helen Nethercott (1992), John Pezzack, Wendy Buckley, Pat Craton (President), Mike Ratcliff, Pat Babcock, Joan Bradich, Lew Bradich and Mary Liz Hearn. Missing: Joe Paiva, Rick Ware, Christel Weber and Guido Weber. Their names are now part of the continuing history of the Waterloo Tennis Club.



Submitted by Pat Craton

THANK YOU 2015 VOLUNTEERS

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Ladies Inter-City League

During the summer, several of our club members competed against three other area clubs, Victoria Park, Northfield and Westmount in an InterCity League. The Waterloo Tennis Club ended the season in third place and only 2 games away from second place. Thanks to all the players: Martha D'Agostino, Doris Ernst, Lisa Hoffman, Kathleen Janzen, Helen McArdle, Ellen Molenaar, Jenn Westbroek, Susan Yagi and Julie Zwarych.

Waterloo Inter-Urban Team Report

How fitting that in this special year of the club history, our two Inter-Urban teams competed in the elite Division 1 this year, both there on merit.

Our Division 2 team earned the right to compete in Division 1 when it won their division last year. Normally there is an exchange of places with the winning team from Div 2 and the last place team in Div 1 for the following year. It was not the first time WTC had won Div 2 but we had been fortunate to stay in the second division in the past when the last place team in Div 1 agreed to stay up. But not this year. Cutten Fields, Northfield 1 and WTC's Team 1 and Team 2 made up the elite division.

Besides having both teams in the same division, there were a number of newcomers mostly younger players on Team 2. We lost a couple of key players at the very beginning of the season for various reasons, one of them being Kye Allen. Kye was injured in his very first match and couldn't continue for the rest of the season. It was a blow to him and we shared his disappointment.

Team 1 was second in both the regular season and in the playoffs. Northfield 1 won both the regular season and playoffs handily. Many congratulations to Northfield.

Team 2 was the least strong of the four teams in Division 1 which was not surprising as this is the norm for whatever team that comes up to join the Division 1.

While it was a tough season for members of Team 2, there were benefits. First was being exposed to very good tennis with little pressure to win. This is not the same as not playing to win. For the most part, they accepted the challenge in the best possible way. Another benefit was being able to include several of the younger players to this level of play because there is no age restriction in Division 1. This would not have been possible if we had a team in each division as we do most years.

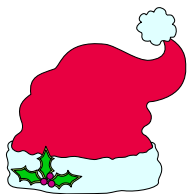
Congratulations and thanks to all the players for representing the club so well and Team 2 players for facing the challenges of the season with aplomb and sportmanship.

WTC 2015 Inter-Urban players:

Kye Allen, Kenzie Arnott, Patricia Babcock, Jean-Francois Biasse, Manny Castillo, Martha D'Agostino, Chris Edwards, Suzanne Edwards, Rosemary Erb, Shirley Fenton, Dawn Gutscher, Lisa Hoffman, Kelvin Hui, Ryan Hummel, Jim Kopperson, Bao Lam, Minh Lam, Ilir Lazoja, Nancy Lee-Ledgley, Ying Lui, Ryan Maclean, Helen McArdle, Mark McArdle, Maria Milic, Kenrik Ng, Filbert Nghiem, Steven Nieboer, Michelle Rogers, Mary Ruehlicke, Graham Snyder, Jen Vasic, Nick White, Susan Yagi, Helen Zu.

Submitted by Pat Craton
(*non-playing captain*)

Upcoming Events



WTC Christmas Brunch & Mixer

Dec 13th - 11:30 am

On Sunday, December 13th, the WTC will once again host a free Holiday Brunch for members in the Helen Nethercott Lounge. Fifty members will have the chance to enjoy a fabulous spread prepared by the WTC Social committee.

The event gives members a chance to socialize with their fellow players and meet new friends from the club.

Space is limited so please sign up for the brunch on the club bulletin board.

Following the brunch there will be a tennis mixer to work off the delicious meal or stay in the lounge and enjoy the movie *Elf*.



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Waterloo Warriors

The University of Waterloo Men's varsity tennis team fell short in their bid this season to finish in the top three at the OUA Championships, an achievement they had accomplished the last two years. The women Warriors were came in fifth at the OUA Championships .

Both the men and women teams ended the regular season in fifth place, but had not played two of the teams ranked above them, Montreal and York. They had not been scheduled to meet in the regular season.

In men's play, Waterloo met the fourth-seeded and this year's host of the OUA Championships, York in the first round. The Warriors had an exciting 4-3 win and moved into the semi-finals against Western, the defending OUA Champion of the last two years. John Chan, playing at no.1 with a shoulder injury that had hampered his play in a three-set loss the previous day against York, once again found himself on the losing end of a three-set battle against Western's no.1 Andre Szilvassy. Earlier, wins by Warriors no.2 Joe Zeng and no.3 rookie Eddie Wang gave Waterloo hope of an upset but it was a short-lived one when Chan lost and the other Warriors fell to solid opponents in close matches. The loss to Western still meant a chance at the bronze medal against Montreal but by then the injury to Chan became too debilitating for him to participate further in the tournament. This meant the rest of the team had to move up a notch from their accustomed position for the final match. They met the challenge head on and even though they lost 1-6, the score was not a true indication of the closeness of play. Wang, playing at no.2 provided the only win against Montreal.

The women Warriors were optimistic of their chances going into the first round against fourth-seeded Toronto. In the regular season, Waterloo had its closest result for many years losing 3-4 against the Blues. An upset, though, was not to be as Toronto won 5-2. Fine wins came from no.3 Manasai Guggali and no.4 Lupita Widyasanti in singles; these two also teamed up to win their doubles match. They were the undefeated Warriors on the championship weekend. A determined effort by all made for a satisfactory and encouraging end to their season.

The Waterloo Warriors figured prominently in the OUA Major Awards for men.

Eddie Wang who had remained undefeated in singles during the championships and partnered Chan playing at no. 1 doubles was voted OUA Rookie of the Year. This makes it a hat trick for Waterloo having won it in 2013 (Chan) 2014 (Joe Zeng). Wang and Chan were voted to the All Star team taking two of the six places in this prestigious category. Head Coach Pat Craton was named Men's Coach of the Year for the second time. Last year she was named Coach of the Year for both Men's and Women's.

2015 Men: John Chan, Joe Zeng, Eddie Wang, Kamil Ladhani, Nathan Flach, Daniel ben Yona, Adam Hunter, Noah Matsui, Mark Tyhurst.

2015 Women: Lucy Yao, Nicole Holland, Manasai Guggali, Lupita Widyasanti, Trisha Abraham, Linda Pipkorn, Jessi Cui, Karli Fiaes.

Asst. Coach: Anne Schaefer. Training partners: Steven Nieboer, Filbert Nghiem.

Submitted by Pat Craton

Head Coach

University of Waterloo Varsity Tennis Teams

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Junior News

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for sponsoring the Waterloo Tennis Club's Summer Tennis Camps.

The WTC Summers Camps had more than 200 participants in week-long camps during July and August.

Thank you also to the Coaches: Kye, Manny, Markus, Cameron and Gary and the volunteers who helped the coaches: Alina, Daniel, Ethan, Gauri, Jessie, Kevin, Kristian, Olivia, Ryan, Steven and Terry.





Spanish footwork clinic

Our Elite U12 players participated in a weekend clinic with international coach Erik Pohls.

Junior News

TDC Cup U10

Twelve teams from Ontario clubs competed on November 28th and 29th in the OTA U10 TDC Cup. Each team was made up of two girls and two boys who were under ten years of age. We had three U10 juniors from our Elite program but needed another girl to make up a team. Through one of our parents we were able to find “loaner” from another club.

The participants were Ellie Daniels (our “loaner”), Carla Perez, Filip Radulovic and Sava Uncianschi. Each of the players played both singles and doubles against other teams. Under the guiding eye of WTC coach, Ned Lazoja, our team won their round robin section on Saturday and advanced with the other top teams to the championship division on Sunday. Congrats to the team for placing third!



Ellie, Carla, Sava, Filip



High School Tennis Championships

Congratulations to all the juniors who represented their high schools in the recent District 8, WCSSAA and CWOSSA championships. Many of the participants have been a part of the Waterloo Tennis Club.

Central Western Ontario Results (CWOSSA)

All winners and runners up advance to the provincial OFSAA championships in June 2016 at the Aviva Centre.

Aaron Banbury (Sir John A. Macdonald) was the boys singles champion. Tom Paraschuk (Waterloo Collegiate) will also go to the OFSAA tournament.

Christina Wang (WCI) and her partner Ritu Singh defeated Sasha Malesevic and Ivana Milisic (Cameron Heights) to win the girls doubles. The week before, at the WCSSAA tournament the result was reversed when Ivana and Sasha defeated Christina and Ritu in the final.

Greg Krzysnik and partner Ivan Nikolic (Grand River) won the boys doubles over Basil Leahy and Mihajlo Milisic (Cameron Heights)

Ryan MacLean and Mia Tamindzija (Resurrection) won the mixed doubles over Aliyah Alli and Field Westbrook (Cameron Heights)

Waterloo County (WCSSAA) Results

Mixed Doubles Winners: Aliyah Alli, Field Westbrook (Cameron Heights CI)

Finalists: Hendrick Scheele, Andrea Tamindzija (Sir John A MacDonald SS)

Girls Singles Winner: Marija Milic (Cameron Heights CI)

Boys Singles Winner: Aaron Banbury (Sir John A MacDonald SS);

Finalist, Tom Paraschuk (Waterloo CI)

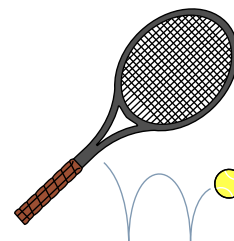
Girls Doubles Winners: Sasha Malesevic, Ivana Milisich (Cameron Heights CI)

Finalists: Ritu Singh, Christina Wang (Waterloo CI)

Boys Doubles Winners: Greg Krzysnik, Ivan Nikolic (Grand River CI)

Finalists: Basil Leahy, Mihajlo Milisic (Cameron Heights CI)

Additional CWOSSA Qualifiers: Cameron Barber (Huron Heights SS)



District 8

Boys Singles Winner: Kristian Kopic; Finalist: Kevin Pham

Mixed Doubles Winners: Ryan MacLean and Mia Tamindzija

Girls Doubles Winners: Sarah Helsby and Jessie Bauer

Girls Singles: Olivia Szczepanek finished third



Varsity Tennis News

Congratulations to Jessie Cui, Adam Hunter WTC juniors who played on the University of Waterloo Varsity Tennis teams. As well, Kenzie Arnott is playing for the University of Manchester Team in England.

Ontario Tennis Association's Distinguished Service Award Recipient Pat Craton

Pat is well known in the Waterloo Tennis Community. She joined the Waterloo Tennis Club in 1988 and has served as President since 2011. Under Pat's leadership the club is in a strong financial position. She was also instrumental in obtaining a Trillium Grant. As Captain of the club's Inter-Urban League Division I and II teams, Pat is responsible for making the teams competitive due to her ability to match up players of complimentary skill levels. The Waterloo Tennis club also hosted a \$50K ITF Women's Tournament and Pat was the media contact for the Club. Pat was named Head Coach of both the Men's and Women's Varsity Tennis Teams at the University of Waterloo in 2010. In 2015 she was named OUA Coach of the Year. Pat's leadership both on and off the court make her a most deserving recipient of this award.

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