

## Past President

We had a productive year at the Milton tennis club this season. One of the highlights was the 100 year Anniversary event. On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 we celebrated the tennis club's rich history. We had 135 people who signed the guest book, but many others attended. I estimate 200 people came to enjoy the various activities. We had OTA come and run the smash cage, ACE coaches offered on-court drills, skills, mini-tournaments and prizes. We had two food trucks, a tennis fashion show with a historical narrative, a featured exhibition match between two elite University players and our club champions and a celebratory cake. We had a 40 foot tent displaying the history of tennis and the MTC, including articles, photos, past champion trophies, tennis memorabilia (including tennis racquets through the history) and much more. The highlight of the tent display was the 30 foot banner outlining the history of the club's accomplishments and various locations. We also created a 3 minute video outlining the many wonderful things that makes the Milton tennis club one of the most comprehensive clubs in the province. The variety of programming, lessons, socials makes MTC stand out amongst other similar sized clubs.

We plan to bury a time capsule and plant a ceremonial tree in the spring 2024 to commemorate our 100 year history.

Thanks so much to the other members of 100 year committee: Tracy Morgan, Dave Fairfax, Kim Robinson, Divya Kala, and Abegail Cabio. Special mention to Susan Chen and Susan Kitamura for all their efforts in supporting the 100 year event, as well as, the rest of the MTC executive.

I'd also like to thank all the actors/players for the on-court fashion show/tennis narrative and the exhibition match players: Irene Carroll, Barney Henderson, Dave and Judi Adams, Ritchin Sen, Brian Fernandes, Ghalib Riaz, Abegail Cabio, Rachel Krzyzak, Tibi Scarlatescu and Andrew Owusu-Sefa.

Part of the Past President's duties is to audit the club's financials. I looked through the past two years of reports. All looked good from my perspective.

I got the chance to help out at some of the socials this year, which was fun. Thanks Kim for all your effort in planning some fun events.

Also, I have volunteered to help complete the Milton Community fund application for next year.

Thanks again for a wonderful season!

Jeff Truswell

## President

2023 Outdoor tennis season was an exceptional one as it was the Club's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday! I was definitely proud to be a part of the celebration that was organized by our board members on a sub committee ran by Past President **Jeff Trusswell!**

I will not forget the event attended by **Mayor Gord Krantz, MP Adam Van Koeverden** and **MPP rep Parm Gill**. Additionally it was so great to see a number of our past members and past presidents in attendance. I am so pleased we have the video and memorabilia documenting the 100 year journey. Again I was so proud to be a part of the event!

In terms of our season, it was another banner year with a full membership. Our courts were always full and bustling with events whether it was Intercounty teams, Lakeshore teams, houseleagues, lessons, programming etc. The club was always busy and well organized thanks to our online booking.

We also had a good staff at the club with new club manager and monitors. They did a decent job of ensuring that members checked in and had what they needed to enjoy their time on the courts.

Programming from ACE is summarized in their report, but what I would say is that they continue to run very good programs for the juniors and beginner adults. While they seem to be experiencing a high churn in coaching staff, they continued to ensure all programs were consistently and professionally run!

Coach **Kyrylo** also did a wonderful job of keeping the clubhouse and courts clean which was greatly appreciated since our cleaning lady took ill and we were never able to find a replacement. Definitely need a professional to keep the clubhouse clean, especially since we have our new hardwood floors!! (Thank you Teo)

I am pleased to say that MTC continued to host 2 to 3 OTA tournaments per month to continue to promote the competitive game in Ontario for both juniors and adults. Coach **Kyrylo** did a good job of using court time during the slow times on the weekend.

In speaking with **Kartik Vyas** – Director of Player Development OTA – he appreciates so much that community clubs like ours do their part to promote the game and give access to players to improve and compete at a provincial, national and international stage!

The main event we host is U16 Nationals. This was our 3<sup>rd</sup> and last time hosting it. Having said that, it was a really wonderful event, as we all got to watch one of our own **Andrea Cabio** defend her u16 National Doubles title! Ace continue to be excellent partners in running this event with us. We really could not do it without them. However, the 10 day event is a MASSIVE undertaking and I personally cannot spend the time doing it. It also takes away court time from members and revenue from the ACE coaches because they cannot have any programming or private lessons. Milton TC has taken its turn in helping **Tennis Canada**, and it is now time to take a break.

Looking to next year, I am looking forward to putting some more focus on the club members and running more programming for the juniors. Without a Junior Director it has been very challenging.

However, I am proud to say that we still had a good core group of juniors who enjoyed playing Intercounty and made it to the year end play offs at the Sobey's centre. They played well and made it to

the quarterfinals! Thank you to **Satyendra Rajawat** for managing and organizing the team! And another BIG thank you to **Brian Caulfield** from **Babalot** for providing the kids matching hoodies for the event!

We were unable to apply for the community fund this year, so we don't expect to do any major renovations to the clubhouse, unless the Town contributes towards any of the structural work that needs attention like windows and doors.

As well, I have booked the court washing for the start of the season as they are in need of sprucing up. A resurfacing is also something on the horizon. I will definitely be talking to the Town on when this can happen.

As always, I would like to acknowledge the Executive team for all the hard work and many hours they have volunteered to make this year a success. This group of people are not only a very nice bunch to work with, but they are extremely dedicated to the success of this club. I am honored to work with them all.

Unfortunately, this year we say farewell to **Kim Robinson (Social)**, **Abegail Cabio (VP)** and **Divya Kala (Membership)**. These ladies have been on the Exec for many years and are taking next year off for a well deserved rest, but I do hope they return in the future! Thank you so much for everything you have done for the club and for me.

Susan Kitamura

## **Adult Programs**

### **Singles ladder:**

There were 130 active participants this season including several new members to the club. This was a big increase from last season. 529 matches were completed which is almost double the total from last season. The ladder tournament was contested from mid-August to the end of September and involved the top 16 ranked players. Jason Llorin defeated Ajay Chacko in the ladder championship match to be crowned ladder champion for 2023.

### **Interclub teams:**

This season we had several mixed league teams with three in the intercounty mixed league, one in the intercounty 55+ mixed league and two in the lakeshore league. In the intercounty mixed league our Milton-1 team, captained by Francis Lam, participated in the A-West division. They placed second in the division and advanced in the playoffs losing out at the quarterfinal stage. Our Milton-2 team, captained by Dave Fairfax, also participated in the A-West division after being promoted from the B division the previous season. They had many competitive match but struggled to win enough points to avoid coming in last place. Next season the team will be relegated back to the B division. Our Milton-3 team, captained by Hassan Zubair, participated in the B-West division. They had many competitive fixtures and avoided relegation by finishing sixth. In the intercounty 55+ league our team, captained by Vittal Rajgopal, finished fourth in the A-west division. In the lakeshore league our division 2 team, captained by Dave Fairfax, finished in fifth place. Our new division 4 team, captained by Ghalib Riaz, participated in had an enjoyable inaugural season finishing in fifth.

### **Wednesday Night House League:**

The house league this season continued to use a team format and was a very popular program organized by our club manager Isaac. Four teams competed against each other on a weekly basis with the semifinals and final played over the last two weeks of the season. Congrats to all members of Team Iga the 2023 house league champions.

### **Singles Club Championships:**

This year the format for the singles championships held in June was four draws - an A draw, B draw, C draw and a ladies draw. There was total of 71 participants in the singles tournament. Richard Straka won the A draw defeating Tom Tao in the championship final. Ghalib Riaz won the B draw defeating Dwight Robinson in the final. Ghalib Riaz won the B draw defeating Dwight Robinson in the final. Mingqi Liu won the C draw defeating Mubashir Khan in the championship final. Kim Robinson won the ladies draw defeating Daniela Stoianov in the championship final.

### **Doubles Club Championships:**

This year the mixed double tournament was held in July and the men's and ladies doubles

tournaments were held in September. A total of 78 players participated in the five different draws.

Men's A champions were Richard Straka and Brian Fernandes who defeated Rob Krzyzak and Andrew Sefa-Owusu in the championship final.

Men's B champions were Rob Specic and Mateo Specic who defeated Ghalib Riaz and Faraz Farooqui in the final.

Ladies A champions were Susan Murphy and Daniela Stoianov with the team of Susan Kitamura and Abigail Cabio finishing second.

Ladies B champions were Jaclyn Ricci and Donna Llorin who defeated Sarah Sinclair and Melissa Janjevich in the final.

In the Mixed doubles championship Jason Llorin and Donna Llorin were crowned champions by defeating Navish Bahl and Susan Murphy in the final.

Dave Fairfax

# Facilities

## August 29, 2023

*Actions Completed:*

- Club opened up for the season on time as planned – Windscreens and nets installed
- New Flooring completed in the clubhouse efficiently, right after opening with minimal disruptions to members.
- Service calls managed as needed
- Added 3 new Court Foam Rollers
- Everything is done with budget in mind once again, and we are tracking on budget for the end of the season

*Next Steps:*

- Schedule Club Closing – Windscreens Removal
- Adjust one of the awning, as its sagging on one side

Vendor/Expense	Reason	TOTAL	Actual	Over/(Under)	Comment
Byte Network	Fob/Camera/Tracker	\$ 13,000	\$ -	\$	- Postponed to 2024 season
Windscreens	Instal;/Remove of Windscreens	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$	(500) estimated \$500 to remove
NDG Contracting	Clubhouse flooring	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,500	\$	- Flooring Completed on time
IceMaker	Unit	\$ 600	\$ 316	\$	(284) Opted for smaller unit
Plumber	Instal - IceMaker	\$ 600		\$	(600) No plumber required for smaller unit
Misc. Reparis		\$ -	\$ 837	\$	837 Upstairs Ladies washroom, Front Gate Tool, zip ties.
Rollers		\$ -	\$ -	\$	- Ordered and was paid directly by MTC
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		\$ 31,200	\$ 17,653	\$	(547)

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## SOCIAL

Another great year at the Milton Tennis Club.

As social director, we try to keep our events around the \$400 mark. The exception this year was the 100<sup>th</sup> year event. We went big!

May 16<sup>th</sup>/23-Opening Day Social/Mother's Day/BBQ – approx 46 people

- Mother's Day carnations
- Wanted 100 cans to donate to local Food Bank – close
- Tennis target hitting by ACE

June 17/23 - 100<sup>th</sup> year – Jeff to discuss in his report.

August 15<sup>th</sup>-23/23 - U16 Nationals

- This year I was asked if I wanted to cater the event. I was able to get my neighbour/friend Dianne to help along with Susan and her sister Joanne.
- The kids, parents and coaches and even the officials all came to us at different times to thank us. Not all have cars that can go to get food or the time to leave. We adjusted the menu along the way and most things were homemade. Abby had special requests, so we made muffins, french toast and bagel belts as well.
- Sample menu is enclosed in case we do that again.

Sept 9<sup>th</sup>/23Pentathlon Social – 5 Events – Teams of 4(or 5)- 50+ people

- 100 volleys
- Tennis Trivia
- Target Practice
- Tie break tournament & Consolation
- Obstacle Course

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Team Forehander – Judy, Donald, Renier, Susan K. and Eric

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Centurions – Ann, Tariq, Floser, Calvin

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Champion – Ghalib, Muhammad, Oye, Wajid

- BBQ with burgers, dogs and plant based option.
- Best Prizes of the summer!

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – National Tree Day – We were going to plant a tree in honour of our 100<sup>th</sup> year but at the end of the season we could only get a small tree and we wanted to get one full size. This will happen next spring along with our time capsule.

Nov 11/23 – Agm at 9:30am and Social after at Champs at Noon. Cost \$10 for bowling and food.

Thank you to the following:

- ACE – Doug and Kyrylo and their team of coaches for prizes (bags, hats, balls etc.) and their help with the tennis portions of the socials with hitting targets and including the new event we did with the tie-break tourney.
- Brian Caufield (Babalot – Racquets, bags, hats, etc.)
- Rob for his BBQing skills
- Club Manager (Isaac), Court Monitors (Matt and Yuvraj)
- Executive – for their continued help in making this club great! Always a team effort!
- OTA for prizes
- Last but not least the 100<sup>th</sup> year team led by Jeff for getting the event off the ground with only a few problems. Hee.

Kim Robinson



## 2023: Membership Report (Divya Kala)

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MTC Summer 2023 membership will be closed for the season. Following Activities will need to be performed:

1. Closing off all Membership Categories
2. Clearing all Pending Membership Records
3. Final report for any outstanding Pending Payments
4. Final reconciliation for Refunds
5. Checking with Jegysoft (Paul) if anything else required in the system

### Membership Status 2023

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Total Member Count: 1068

Total Households (Unique Addresses): 686

#### By MTC Category:

Juniors: 289

Seniors: 61

Adults: 421

Family (Incl Juniors in the family): 274

Students: 23

#### By Gender

Female: 426

Male: 638

Unspecified/Blank: 4

#### By Age Group:

Adults: 650

Child: 418

#### By Town:

Milton: 829

Burlington: 14

Oakville: 63

Georgetown: 10

Mississauga: 99

Others: 53

## **Public Relations**

Oct 19, 2023 prepared by Susan Chen

### **Paid Advertisements:**

- to promote Junior members registration and summer tennis camps and 100-year celebration event
- ✓ 5X8 curbside signs at two locations in Milton
- ✓ Electric Ad Board with Town of Milton at Milton Sports Center

### **100 Year Celebration:**

- Event decoration preparation: purchasing and putting up balloons, theme wall stuff, candles to create a lively and fun theme for the event.
- Recruited volunteers to support the 100-year celebration. Having volunteers' involvement in the event not only ensured the event is successful but also involved members and their family to be a more meaningful part of the celebration.
- Ontario Tennis Association (OTA): SPIN Newsletter in June featuring our 100-year event promotion, celebration, as well as the club's history; secured the smash cage to enable members to have fun and learn more about tennis.
- OTA: SPIN Newsletter in September to feature Milton's active contribution to promote tennis in the community and support Ontario Tennis Association and Tennis Canada in hosting junior competitive tournaments including the U16 National Championship for 3 years.
- Reviewed event video with board members and promoted video on social media.
- Reached out to local newspaper and radio for the possibility of live news and reporting. It did not get through since no response was received after multiple attempts.
- Printed merchant products (mugs, t-shirts, pens) for members to purchase as souvenir. The remaining products could be used to as lottery draws prizes or for event volunteers.

### **Online Presence:**

- ✓ Insidehalton – Club calendar events posted.
- ✓ Facebook MTC page – 786 followers (increase of 128 followers from 658 followers in 2022) and received positive feedback from members about the news about club tennis tournaments, event promotion and about the connection through social media.
- ✓ Instagram account–created a new account as the log in information was lost.

**In preparation for 2024**

- Promote active member engagement and activities with our social media accounts, particularly Instagram.
- Reach out to local newspapers to feature how the club plays a vital role in building the community with its contribution in promoting tennis and sports in Milton.