



THE SCORE

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Well, summer did finally arrive and Suncoast Racqueters have been making the most of summer, on and off the Coast, on and off the court! Here's a round-up of some of the summer tennis fun...

Some members took up the invitation from Uros Budimac to join him for a day at the Van Open and a great day was had by all.



Meanwhile, back on the Coast and at the Club....



Summer Youth Tennis Camps – July 25-29, 2022

Thanks to everyone who spread the word about this activity and well done to everyone of the young people who took part.

We had a good response to the Camps and Jacques invited Petra Hartman to lead some of the sessions. Petra is an up-and-coming 21-year old tennis instructor who has experience of leading youth tennis clubs on the lower Mainland. The children responded very positively to her and had a great time learning new tennis skills and making new friends.

NB: As a Community Club, we would like to hear from you if you know of any budding young tennis players who are not in a financial position to join the club but who you think might be suitable prospects for the SRC Youth Endowment Fund. Reach out to Tamara in the first instance.

Local courts see the return of 47th Sunshine Coast Open Tournament

This fun, competitive tennis event celebrated its 47th Annual Open July 29-30 and delivered an exciting full draw of play in 30+C heat across two scorching days of great tennis. The matches were played on hard courts in Gibsons at the newly painted courts in Dougall Park, on grass in Roberts Creek and also at the hard courts in Parkland, where a mother bear and her cubs came along to watch and stopped play for a time, while we got our cameras out 😊



Rain might stop play at Wimbledon, but never bears! To see the video, click on this link: https://youtu.be/ZS_-Bm2D4IY

The popular Mixed Doubles saw a 16-team entry as soon as the registration opened and a waitlist of players still wanting to enter. The organizers hope to expand next year (across more courts, nudge nudge!) especially as it helps players have a rest between matches.

Here are the results and some pics from the Tournament:

Mixed Doubles – Shelley Lawrence/Gustav Guzek -retained their title by beating Australian father and daughter duo Selkie & Michael Smith: 6-3, 6-0.



Women’s Doubles – Marian & Madison Shoemaker – local mother & daughter duo had a convincing win over Stephanie Maricevic & Jennifer Wood: 6-0, 6-2.

Men’s Doubles – Gustav Guzek & Otto Grunow – local nephew-uncle bandits despatched Victoria-based Steven Lorenzo-Baileys & Michael Smith: 6-3, 6-4.



Men’s Singles – Chad Brachat had a walkover win vs Josh Kalef who forfeited the match/win.

Women's Singles – Janet Schembri vs Adele Wood – this was a 3-set thriller in the intense heat as both women went toe-to-toe in a gruelling match with long 15-20 shot rallies, phew! : 6-3, 5-7, 11-9.



Well done to all the participants for playing in such heat and especially to the winners who triumphed on the day.

Huge thanks to Shelley & Darcy Lawrence and the SCOT Committee for organizing a successful Tournament, with great sponsorship, prizes, registration swag bags and salmon BBQ catering at the grass courts in Roberts Creek to round off the Tourney.

We look forward to the next one and hope to see lots more local participants from the Coast and beyond.

The SCOT gang when they're not on the court!



Shelley & Darcy Lawrence



Women's Doubles Consolation match was won by Sandra Watt & Shelley Baker (on left).



Pals and spectators enjoying the tennis.



Upcoming tennis dates for your Calendar

Uros' 'Skills & Drills' Clinics – see dates in table below

Uros will be teaming up with Jacques to run monthly Sunday 'Skills & Drills' Clinics at the Club for adult members. These will include 8 players per session (4 on each court).

These sessions will be 3.00 hours long from 0830 – 11.30am and from 12.30 - 3.30pm. Each session will be \$135 per person and to keep things simple are payable on the day with cash. If you're interested, please get in touch with Tamara as there are just a few places left. We'd like to fill the Clinics if possible, as this provides a much-needed funding stream for the Club.

Sunday Sept 11, 2022	Net Play
Sunday Oct 9, 2022	Serve & Return
Sunday Nov 6, 2022	Building & Attacking with Groundstrokes
Sunday Dec 11, 2022	Attacking and Net Play

Jacques will be providing some follow-up 1.5hour long clinics (at lower cost) in between these dates so you can build on what you've learnt from Pro Coach Uros, plus some skills-based sessions based on members interests/wants.

Member Appreciation Evening of Tennis & Celebration – Friday, September 23, 2022 from 5pm.

Please join us for a 'Member/Volunteer Appreciation Evening', the first of many we wish to hold.

The Club wants to show its appreciation to every member who volunteers with this special evening of social tennis. Our Club runs well because of our tireless volunteers who week-in week out give their time to get jobs done, keep the Club operating, and keep our fees at a minimum. There will also be a special presentation to Colin Jacobsen in recognition of his years' of service and commitment to the Club.

We will start with Dingles tennis....ever played Dingles? 'Dingles with Dave' (Dave Munro) promises to be a lot of fun with more than one ball on court – this has to be seen! Come along for some fun tennis plus food/BBQ, wine and beer, speeches and presentations. A good ol' SRC social and tennis event.

Friday Social Tennis Evenings from September 30, 2022 at 6.30pm

Adele & Kevin Wood invite you to join in a regular social open evening of tennis from 6.30pm each Friday.

Kicking off on Sept 30 they will start us off with some formats they've seen on their international tennis tours around the globe. It promises to be a fun evening where you'll get to know more members, play with new people and enjoy a variety of tennis. The Club really hopes these Friday nights will take off and become a new social hub for members.

The Brudermann Cup - Sunday November 13, 2022 – all day event from 9am

This Mixed Doubles Tournament is back on! Make it a date for your calendar!

It's a members' only, all-day event and the Entry usually fills up quite quickly. The format is usually based on 16 players, two sets of 2 groups of 4 where everyone plays everyone. Play starts at 0900 and is organized into two rounds, then at 1pm there's a cold-buffet lunch break and it's onto semi's and the Final in the afternoon.

Marian Shoemaker has once again agreed to be Tournament Director for the day, so we can guarantee an action-packed day of competition and lots of fun. Entry will open soon so keep your eyes peeled for the email inviting your entry and the posters going up at the Club. The entry fee is \$20 which includes a cold buffet lunch. Payment is by cash on the day. If you have any questions and would like to get in touch with Marian her email is – shoes6300@icloud.com

Two snaps from previous Brudermann Cups to whet your appetite....

In matching outfits: Marian Shoemaker, Gautam Rakhit, Tammy Klashinsky, Jimmy Nielsen 😊.

And also, Mike Zanchetta, with Marian again, and Friedl Bruderman, our benefactor.



Tennis Drop In's

All welcome at these times:

- o Men's Doubles – Saturdays 09:30am - 12.00 and Wednesdays at 12:30pm - 2pm. Organizer: Rod McColl.
- o Women's Doubles – Thursdays 11am - 12.30pm. We'd like to open this up to become a women's doubles drop-in. Organizer: Freda Cronk. If you're interested, please get in touch with Freda at: communications@srctennis.ca
- o Social Tennis - Friday evenings from 6.30pm. An evening of social tennis across mixed abilities. Organizer needed from October.

Non-tennis News

Grounds Upkeep/Works Party - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER at 9.30am

You may recall in the last newsletter we mentioned the need to get your volunteer hours done, well here's your chance. What's involved?

JOBS: Cutting grass & blackberries, but mainly dealing with the blackberries behind the courts.

TOOLS: Bring protective gear if required and ideally heavy duty weed-wackers for the blackberries.

CONTACT: Tony Greenfield to confirm you're attending at: 885-5539 or by email tony@whiskeyjacknaturetours.com

Ralph Meyer – Celebration of life and the Paul Meyer Endowment Fund



On July 18 at the Botanical Gardens in Sechelt a special Celebration of Life was held in memory of Ralph who passed away after a few years of illness. Ralph was busy writing his poetry till almost the very end of his life. It was both a poignant but happy occasion as many had gathered to pay their respects. There was a lovely display of mementoes from his life, his sportsmanship and his many tennis-playing years for people to browse through and marvel at. A number of SRC tennis players were able to attend for this fitting send off. See pics below.

Ralph and his family continue to be keen supporters of the Club and the **Paul Meyer Endowment Fund**. They hope that donations to this Fund will see many more young people take up the game.

Donations to the Fund can be made via e-transfer to srctennisca@gmail.com. Please include "Paul Meyer Endowment Fund" in the comment section.

Or by cheque to: Suncoast Racquet Club / Paul Meyer Foundation, 6000 Lighthouse Avenue, Sechelt BC, V7Z 0R2. We regret that the Club cannot provide tax receipts.

The Club invites members to nominate from their circle of friends or neighbourhoods any families with youth who could be supported by the Paul Meyer Endowment Fund to play tennis. This is a great opportunity not only to be coached but to be supported with equipment, court time and tennis opportunities.



Those attending from left to right: Friedl Brudermann, Freda Cronk, Gill & Ron Kydd, Heinz Tigges, Colin Jacobsen, June Meyer, Anne Elliott, Karin Tigges, Berndt Rindt, Donna Brudermann, Jenny Hayes, Gesa Reid, Donna Stevenson, Norma Leuchte, Ulrike Rindt.

Updating lounge area and facilities

The Board are looking to upgrade some of the social areas and lounge facilities at the Club, so if you see things changing that's the reason why. Ideas will be invited and discussed. More information will follow.

Advertising support from Members

We're a Club that needs support from its members in all sorts of ways. We have been very fortunate to count on the support from a few dedicated business-owners over the years who have sponsored our adverts in the Coast Reporter. We are very grateful to them as without their support we would not have been able to reach out to new members, families for Youth Camps or promote our events.

We hope that more of you will come forward to sponsor our advertising going forward, as it can't be just those loyal few who come forward each time. We invite you to contact Freda by email at: communications@srctennis.ca and she will guide you, confidentially, through how you can make a contribution (however small) to the advertising and communications plan for the year ahead, whilst promoting your business at the same time. Together we're stronger!

And, finally, that same old problem of GARBAGE REMOVAL

This topic comes around again and again but that's because we're not good at 'packing out what we pack in' at the Club and the court areas. The Club used to spend over \$1200 per year to clear the garbage; these charges are prohibitive and could be better spent elsewhere, so we've made a change and ask you politely to please take responsibility for your 'stuff'.

To keep our costs down, we will put fresh signs up to remind everyone and continue to ask members to take home all their own garbage and recycling. So, once again -

- (1) TAKE HOME AND DO NOT LEAVE recyclable items at the Club – aluminum ball-can lids and plastic bottles should go home with you as we do not have a recycling collection from the Club any more due to the high cost.
- (2) DISPOSE OF USED BALLS into the boxes at entrance to court or into ball machine
- (3) OTHER TRASH – TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU ALSO, THANK YOU!

And please..... REMEMBER TO TURN OFF THE LIGHTS AND FANS WHEN YOU LEAVE. Easy to forget these, but regardless of the time you leave it's very important to turn them off. Thank you.