

Tennis Time

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People's Courts



Tennis Academy

Introduction

Once again we thank PCTA management and host Costas Greek restaurant for a wonderful end of year staff party and warm hospitality for a high turnover of 22 attendees.

The Scholarship fund granted for High Performance players, Sep-Dec 2007 was \$13,098.50. We appreciate the management support to promote and expand the sport to our student athletes.



PCTA Winter-Break Camp 2007

U13 Team Tennis

Congratulations to our academy players Jeffrey, Socrates, Gary and the "Fraser River" team, winner of the Fall Junior Team Tennis League "Boys Under 13"

Jeffrey Ho 13W-0L (**MVP**)
Socrates Bousbouras 13W-1L
Gary Ho 12W-2L
Tyler Jay 9W-3L
Max Waterman 8W-4L
Joseph Gustafson 5W-7L





PCTA Progressive Tournament

Peoples Courts Tennis Academy hosted the U/8 half-court and U/10 $\frac{3}{4}$ court progressive tournament over the weekend of Jan 5th and 6th 2008. The event had 30 players in total and was played on both Saturday and Sunday for both divisions.

The round robin format of the tournament gave all the players many chances to experience (some for the first time) competitive tennis situations. After the first day of round robin matches were completed, the players were regrouped based in their results for the second day.



When all the round robins were completed the winner of the U/10 was Monica Green with Garrison Comber coming in a very close second. In the U/8 Jasmine Salehnia was the most consistent player with Ivan Barjasic next best.

PCTA Exhibition

PCTA Year End Exhibition Match took place Sat Dec 29th, 2007.

The event had around 50 fans in attendance who enjoyed singles and doubles matches between our coaching staff.



Hassan Askari/Steve Tseng Vs George Jecminek / Shayan Mirhosseini with Rocky Yu as Chair Umpire

Coaching News



Wayne Elderton (national level coach), visited our academy on behalf of Tennis Canada to oversee the implementation of the progressive tennis U8/U10 in our Academy. He complimented on PCTA's considerable progression and execution of Tennis Canada developmental plans in our junior programs.

On behalf of the coaching team, I welcome back Steve Tseng (coach level 2), and I assure that all our returning student athletes are excited to have Steve too.

Ron Olcen has stepped down as Captain of the People's Courts Men's League "A" team. He will continue with Tennis BC as a League Director. Stephen Keys has agreed to take over the team for 2008, all the best of luck.

Player to Watch

Tim Portnov

Joined our academy in May 2007

Age: 11

Rank: 1 (BC) and top 3 (Canada)

School: Attended Einman Elementary
Home School

Favourite stroke: Two-hand backhand

Favourite player: Novak Djokovic

Favourite fruit: Watermelon

Tim in 2010: win Nationals U16

Future goals/dreams: ITF ranking

Additional comments: Special thanks to
my parents



Tim participated in Eddie Herr International tournament held in Bradenton, Florida from November 25-30, 2007. The draw size was 128 U12 boys. Tim has made it to the best 32. He lost in the 3rd round to the #1 seed from US who was the tournament's finalist.

Tim has been selected to participate at the U12 ETA Auray event held in France from Feb 25 to March 2nd. Team Canada has been awarded two spots for the boys and the girls on the team. Auray is considered one of the strongest events on the European Junior calendar.

Congratulations

The 2007 Senior Nationals were held in Vancouver and BC has many players now with a national ranking. The following BC players are in the top three, including two of PCTA members, well done!

Women's Singles:

35S 3rd Anne Lydon

50S 1st Marjorie Blackwood

55S 1st Janice Holloway

60S 3rd **Eileen Clark**

70S 3rd Penny Goldrick

40S 1st Shelley Roxburgh

50S 2nd Lesley Bumby

55S 3rd **Micheline Berry**

65S 3rd Ruth Neroutsos

Junior Indoor Ladder

January 11-13, 2008

Under U14, Girls' Box 1

Vivian Tsui 6-0; 6-0 Teofana Mihaila

Vivian Tsui 6-4; 6-1 Madeline Benn

Vivian Tsui 6-3; 6-0 Saroop Dhatt

My New Year's resolution – is as simple as eating bananas!

Option A is run/swim twice per week.

Option B is eat/sleep well.

It just can't get better!

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You know you play lots of good tennis when you hold your pencil with an eastern grip.

You know you play impressive tennis when you yell "C'mon" every time you ever succeed in the smallest task.

Compliments of coach khalid

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