

Mill Bay Community League Tennis Society

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ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2015

Annual General Meeting Date: March 30, 2016

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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This year was my first year in the role of President for the Mill Bay Tennis Club and I quite enjoyed it. Of course, having a hard working, enthusiastic Executive team is why we are a success. They are a great group and I want to be sure I say thank you to all of them for their support, patience and guidance.

In 2015, we saw many new developments. One such development was the launching of a new look to the website which included the capability of registering for memberships online. The majority of membership sign-ups were either at the AGM or at our sign-up day at Thrifty Foods, however we had over a dozen applications submitted online. The capability to pay online was not yet implemented so collecting payments from people who registered online proved to be a little challenging for the Membership Director to coordinate schedules to collect fees. In 2016, we will offer payments of fees online as an alternative.

At the end of the 2015 season, we sent a survey to all current members. We wanted to gauge their satisfaction as well as what they would like to see going forward for the club. We had 30 respond and the majority of them rated the experience with the club overall as either good or great. Some great ideas came out of the results which included support to move off the Yahoo website, fee payments online, and some great comments about how to grow the club.

In the fall, I met with the league coordinators to discuss the success and challenges of running their leagues. One of the challenges that stood out was the level of play. The leagues were listed as open to all levels, but there are some players whose level was too low and it impacted the enjoyment and level of play for others. We talked about instituting a minimum level for all leagues which will be implemented in 2016.

We currently have a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Mill Bay Community League for free use of their tennis courts in exchange for doing the maintenance and upkeep of the courts. This year we renewed this agreement for another 3 years.

Unfortunately, during the 2015 season there was no public access to the courts. We investigated with our insurance provider and realized that there may be some small gaps that the Mill Bay Community League's insurance needed to cover. Kerry Park Recreation Centre would not distribute the key until it was sure there was appropriate coverage for players. The issue is currently in the hands of Mill Bay Community League and at time of writing, the start of 2016 season will still be closed to the public.

This year, we created a Strategic Action Plan and Three-year Budget to help guide us and keep our focus as well as sharing with the membership the direction the Executive are taking. The plan has three main goals for 2016, grow the membership, prepare to resurface the courts, and develop the skills of players.

I am looking forward to 2016 with some great changes ahead. Switching from Yahoo website, creating a fundraising committee to obtain funding for our court repairs, and creating a Public Relations Director position to aid in membership satisfaction/retention and growth are only a few of the initiatives for 2016.

See you on the courts!

Julie Rosenthal
President

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Report

Mill Bay Community League Tennis Society Financial Statement for January 1 - December 31, 2015

Chequing Bank Balance, Dec. 31, 2014				\$ 2,844.45
Island Savings Credit Union Shares				\$ 5.00
Term deposit 6 Matures 21 May 2015				\$ 2,029.00
Term deposit 7 Matures 28 March 2015				\$ 8,100.00
Total net worth at December 31, 2014				\$ 12,978.45

Chequing Account balance at Jan 1, 2015		\$ 2,844.45	\$2,844.45	
Income				
Memberships and key deposits		\$ 4,975.00		
Interest on Chequing Acct.		\$ 3.51		
Interest on Term Deposit (incl in terms)				
Total Income		\$ 4,978.51	\$4,978.51	
Expenditures				
Tournaments	\$ 277.26			
Tennis BC - Insurance 2015	\$ 417.40			
Ministry of Finance - Society Fee	\$ 25.00			
Keys	\$ 60.30			
P.J.'s Powerwashing	\$ 865.20			
Other maintenance: fence, grommets	\$ 2,148.17			
Internet/signs	\$ 62.47			
General Meeting Room Rental	\$ 34.14			
M'ship refund	\$ 70.00			
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,959.94		\$3,959.94	
Chequing Bank balance, December 31, 2015				\$3,863.02
Island Savings Credit Union shares				\$5.00
Term deposit 6 Matures 21 Nov 2016				\$2,043.59
Term deposit 7 Matures 28 March 2016				\$8,189.10
Total net worth at Dec 31, 2015				\$14,100.71

Notes:

Income - expenditures = \$1018.57

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Reports

MAINTENANCE REPORT

In 2015 I took over from Grant Price as maintenance director. The courts were received in good shape and many thanks to Grant for his attention and good work in maintaining the courts and the surrounding grounds.

The south fence posts were damaged the previous winter due to high winds. Repair was completed in the spring of 2015 at a cost of \$1800.

Regular lawn maintenance occurred throughout the spring and summer months. Volunteers were welcomed, however the summer months had little rain, therefore the grass did not need much attention.

In April The courts underwent their annual power washing using a contractor at a cost of \$875.

Throughout the year further development of cracks in asphalt became evident and we received a number of complaints. The cracks were temporarily filled in the fall to avoid further infiltration of water over the winter. Although the courts were resurfaced approximately six years ago, reappearance of the cracks occurred. Further investigation into a more permanent solution was undertaken resulting in an estimate from Tomko using a new process that hopefully will provide a more permanent solution. An estimate was received from Tomko for repair of these cracks of approximately \$32,000.00. Funding the repair will require some fund raising to augment available Mill Bay Tennis Club funds.

New locks were purchased and will replace the existing locks prior to the start of the upcoming season.

Drew Burgwin
Maintenance Director

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

This past year has been like previous years when it comes to communications. The biggest problem we faced was getting new members to become registered on our Yahoo site. After some discussion with the executive and some members it was decided that we should move to a regular web site where members could more easily access club information and not have to create Yahoo login ID's.

We are pleased to advise that the new site will be ready by the club's AGM and that shortly after that date we will close the Yahoo site. An information email will be sent to all members explaining what information can be found on the new site and how to log in to access the "members only" pages.

We were delighted to have access to a number of publications in the Mill Bay area thanks to Janet Abbott and Shirley Walker who kindly provided space in columns that they were publishing. In addition, local newspapers would provide us with the occasional promotion on tournaments and special activities that we offered.

Glenn Terrell
Communications Director

DIRECTOR REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

In 2015, we had a total of 88 members. This included several families with junior members. Some of this growth over last year was last minute memberships of people who wanted to play on the courts but did not have access to play through Kerry Park.

The season started with the usual Sign-up day at Thrifty Foods in Mill Bay. This sign-up day was successful in bringing in some new members who saw the table and signed up for the first time.

Online Registrations at the website started this year, but payment was still manual so there were some challenges following up with people for fee payment.

Julie Rosenthal (for Yvonne Carr)
Membership Director

SOCIAL REPORT

Social tennis was held on Tuesday and Thursday nights starting in middle of May. Starting off there were 37 people expressed interest in playing social tennis and levels ranged from beginner to intermediate. Lucky we had wonderful weather and I do not think we had one cancellation because of rain.

I also organized 3 tournaments on behalf of the Club. The first tournament was held beginning of June and was our Strawberry and Whipped Cream event. There were 20 people out and a good time was had by all. A potluck dinner was hosted by the Kemshaws and was well attended.

The second tournament was in August and was our wooden racquet event. Everyone had to play the first set with a wooden racquet and I was amazed at how well people did with these retro racquets. A fun day was had and the Prices had all over after for a potluck dinner at their lovely lakeside home at Shawnigan.

The last tournament was our newly established Roger Burgess Christmas Tournament in honour of Roger Burgess who passed away last year and was an active member of the club. Again the event was well attended and there were lots of good matches. The Mills, once again, graciously hosted a potluck dinner and gift exchange at their beautiful property in Mill Bay.

Penny Kemshaw
Social Director