



TENNIS NWT ANNUAL REPORT 2023



Prepared by Executive Director

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MEET THE TEAM

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To all those who serve on the Tennis NWT Board of Directors.

To all the volunteers making a difference to the game of tennis in our territory every day.

OUR MISSION

Tennis NWT is committed to the advancement of tennis in the Northwest Territories by stimulating participation and excellence in the sport at the local, territorial, provincial and national levels. Tennis NWT is dedicated to providing encouragement, support, leadership and opportunity to northern tennis enthusiasts through its many programs.

OUR VALUES

- Leadership
- Accessibility
- Participation
- Innovation
- Integrity
- Collaboration
- Healthy Lifestyle
- Excellence
- Community Partnership
- Teamwork

OUR GOALS

1. Encourage greater participation in tennis throughout the territory
2. Develop and sustain structures that support the development of junior tennis at every level
3. Provide opportunities to increase the number of coaches within the territory
4. Promote the development of new facilities and foster the improvement of existing facilities
5. Partner with organizations throughout the territory to increase the accessibility of tennis

STRATEGIC PLAN

Develop a four-year strategic plan in alignment with Canada games

Establish a strategy for the development of new tennis clubs.

Develop and implement a junior development program in alignment

Promote the development of new and existing facilities and foster the improvement of existing facilities and clubs

Increasing the accessibility of tennis in communities



SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

Tennis NWT is proud to be supported by the following companies and organizations



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YEAR IN REVIEW

Our lives have been disrupted on so many levels with wildfires and we now live in a time of relative uncertainty that creates challenges when contemplating the future.

Blasting, Construction and Evacuation aside, we enjoyed another successful year. This year we had 350 members similar to last year. Participation in competitions and activities continues to grow. It is heartening to see that we are adhering to our vision for the advancement of tennis in the Northwest Territories by stimulating participation and excellence in the sport at the local, territorial, provincial and national levels.

This can only come about from a vibrant board, our clubs, who are passionate about their sport, their clubs and their members. Thank you to our clubs, and those who volunteer to run them, for working with the board to maintain the momentum.

In 2023 Tennis NWT delivered a year-round tennis program with outdoor activities (May-September) and indoor activities (October-April) in cooperation with the City of Yellowknife. This is especially important for juniors as it provides continuous tennis skill development throughout the full year.

Tennis NWT partnered with the Yellowknife Tennis Club in hiring a Tennis Professional, Gabe Girard from Nova Scotia. He provided coaching for Tennis NWT at the Junior Beginner/Intermediate/High Performance developmental clinics, and led the Le Petite Tennis Summer Program for 3-5 year olds. As well, he coached 4 weeks of Tennis/Multisport Camp organized in cooperation with the City of Yellowknife and 2 weeks of Tennis NWT Summer Camp and 4 weeks of Tennis in School. Gabriel also provided coaching for Yellowknife Tennis Club for ladies and men's clinics.



This year Tennis NWT had 4 assistant coaches that helped with juniors and adults' clinics.

Tennis NWT participated in NWT Recreation and Parks Get Active Programs and Swim to Survive Events.



WINTER PROGRAMS

Winter Clinics

In 2023 Tennis NWT delivered indoor juniors and adults clinics in cooperation with the City of Yellowknife from October to April. This is especially important for juniors as it provides continuous tennis skill development throughout the full year.

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Yellowknife

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Tennis in full swing at the Fieldhouse



From left, Debbie Emeneau, Marissa Martin, Teresa Martin, NWT Tennis coach Nikola Jovic, Elizabeth du Plessis and Anneli Jokela spend cold winter's night inside the Yellowknife Fieldhouse while practising for an upcoming summer of tennis. Jill Westerman/NNSL photo

Beginners and experienced players love the game, coach says

By Jill Westerman
Northern News Services

It's a sport that has players described as elegant (think Roger Federer), and one with those described as ferocious (think John McEnroe).

Add powerful (like Serena Williams) to those images and it leaves no doubt that what is being described is the game of tennis.

Enjoyed throughout the world, tennis is a sport that has great appeal for people for many different reasons, said Nikola Jovic, a certified coach with Tennis NWT, during a Saturday evening practice session at the Fieldhouse.

"It is the kind of sport that does not require too much from you," Jovic said of the gear requirements — shoes, a tennis racket and tennis balls — needed to play the game.

"You can always find somebody who will play a game of tennis with you."

"You don't have to be a top player," he added. "Even if you are a first-time player, you are going to find somebody who may also be a beginner and who will enjoy it."

Although tennis is definitely a summertime game — and one that evokes thoughts of warm sunshine, tennis shorts and sun visors — inside the Fieldhouse during the dark and cold evening outside, the hitting sound of tennis balls volleying back and forth through the air could be heard throughout the otherwise quiet, cavernous building.

Jovic was helping a small but enthusiastic group of women tennis players practise their finesse on the indoor court. Tennis balls were scattered across the floor of the playing field, as one by one and in teams, they practised their serves, volleys, backhands and swings to gain both confidence and expertise in their technique.

"It is so good to have these classes in the wintertime because you then have an opportunity to practise tennis inside," Jovic said of the preparation for the warmer weather and outside tennis courts — something especially important because of the short summer season in the North.

He said tennis is quite a popular sport in Yellowknife and the Yellowknife Tennis Club has a full range of games, clinics, tournaments and social events, such as barbecues throughout the summer season, often starting in late May and running until the end of August. He said they also provide coaching in area schools in the spring for students.

"And every summer, we bring a coach in from down south," he said. "It is really popular with lots of players all summer and we really enjoy it. We have lots of tournaments for ladies, men and kids and we have classes for different levels of players. We have some really good players, some beginners," Jovic said of the wide range of people who enjoy the sport

for various reasons.

Aside from the relative ease with which one can get started in the game in terms of equipment, Jovic said some of that appeal can be attributed to the fact that tennis is not a contact sport, therefore people suffer fewer injuries than they might in other athletic endeavours.

"It's a really nice sport, especially for people who don't like to have contact."

It is also a sport that people become fans of by watching

it on television.

"Right now, the Australian Open Men's tournament is on," he said at the time. Novak Djokovic went on to win that major tournament.

And despite being aired during the very early hours of the morning in North America, Jovic said, no doubt, he would be watching it.

"Whoever watches tennis, enjoys it. You watch it all the time!"

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2023-2024**
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NWTRP – Get Active and Swim to Survive Events

Tennis NWT received funding from NWT Recreation and Parks Association – NWTRPA. We organized Free New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Swim to Survive® Events sponsored by Tennis NWT. We also organized three community-oriented physical activities and three Elder-oriented physical activity events, Get Active Tennis, in December 2022 and January 2023 at the Fieldhouse.

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Boxing Day aces



By Kaicheng Xin
Yellowknife News

With Christmas Day over, some Yellowknife residents were eager to get a little exercise. Some took to the outdoors, others headed to the Fieldhouse to play tennis.



Jim Martin awaits his chance to volley. Kaicheng Xin/NNSL photo



Teresa Martin serves the ball. Kaicheng Xin/NNSL photo



Teresa Martin positions herself close to the net in anticipation of a volley opportunity. Kaicheng Xin/NHSL photo



Tancara Jovic was among several tennis players at the Fieldhouse on Boxing Day. Kaicheng Xin/NHSL photo



Teresa Martin serves the ball at the Fieldhouse on Dec. 26. Kaicheng Xin/NHSL photo



Randy Rivers does some stretching prior to getting in to action on the court. Kaicheng Xin/NHSL photo



Marissa Martin tosses up a serve. Kaicheng Xin / NHSL photo



Randy Rivers keeps his eye on the ball as he prepares a light touch backhand shot. Kaicheng Xin / NHSL photo

Christmas Tournament

Tennis NWT received extra funding from Tennis Canada. We used part of that funding to organize 3rd Annual Christmas indoor tennis tournament. NWT Open Indoor Tennis Tournament was held December 31, 2022 – January 2, 2023 in the Fieldhouse. It was well attended. Here are the results:

Men's Singles

Nikki Gohil (winner)

Darren Campbell (runner up)

Ladies Singles

Teresa Martin (winner)

Shirley Zhang (runner up)

Men's Doubles

Nikki and Nittin Gohil (winners)

Randy Rivers and Jean Tuyishime (runner up)

Ladies Doubles 6:2; 7:6

Tamara Jovic & Marissa Martin (winners)

Shirley Zhang & Elizabeth DuPlessis (runner up)

Mixed Doubles 6:0; 6:0

Tamara Jovic & Cole Clinton (winners)

Teresa and Jim Martin (runner up)





Yellowknife Tennis Club serves up some winners

Tamara Jovic, left, and Cole Clinton beat Jim Martin and Teresa Martin to claim the mixed doubles title in the Yellowknife Tennis Club's Winter Tournament at the Fieldhouse earlier this month. Photo courtesy of Slavica Jovic

Third annual Winter Tennis Tournament takes over Fieldhouse with more than two dozen players

By James McCarthy
Northern News Services

In case you were wondering, tennis is a year-round sport in Yellowknife. Proof of that came earlier this month as the Yellowknife Tennis Club took over the Fieldhouse with its Winter Tennis Tournament.

Slavica Jovic, club spokesperson, said it was the third annual hosting of the tournament with 25 players hitting the indoor court.

There was action across five divisions: men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles, each being played under a single-knockout format.

The men's singles champion was Nikhilesh Gohil. He took

down Darren Campbell in straight sets; 6-1, 6-1, while the women's singles champion was Teresa Martin thanks to her straight-set victory over Shirley Zhang; 6-2, 6-0.

Tamara Jovic and Cole Clinton teamed up to win the mixed doubles crown over the daughter-father duo of Teresa and Jim Martin; 6-2, 6-1. In the men's doubles, it was another familial duo coming out on top as the father-son team of Nittin and Nikhilesh Gohil defeated Randy Rivers and Jean Tuyishime in straight sets; 6-2, 6-2. The women's doubles champs were Tamara Jovic and Marissa Martin as they beat out Elizabeth Du Plessis and Zhang; 6-1, 6-2.



Shirley Zhang, left, and Elizabeth Du Plessis fell to the duo of Tamara Jovic and Marissa Martin in the women's doubles final of the Yellowknife Tennis Club's Winter Tournament at the Fieldhouse earlier this month. Photo courtesy of Slavica Jovic



Nikhilesh Gohil, left, beat Darren Campbell for the men's singles crown in the Yellowknife Tennis Club's Winter Tournament at the Fieldhouse earlier this month. Photo courtesy of Slavica Jovic

INSTRUCTORS COURSE

Tennis NWT ran Instructor Course from May 19-22, 2023 in the Fieldhouse.

Eight (8) participants registered for the course (some juniors and adults) and 4 participants finished, Teresa Martin, Ofira Duru, Nikhilesh Gohil (juniors) and Jon Weller (adult).

Course Facilitator was Uros Budimac, Coach 3 from Vancouver.



TENNIS IN SCHOOLS

Tennis Canada is working on the National Growth and Development Strategy for the 2024-2027. The goal of this work is focused and aligned efforts for tennis development in Canada – growing tennis participation amongst youth through experiences that are accessible, safe, inclusive and fun for everyone.

Tennis Canada determined that we will win with youth learning and playing tennis in school because youth in schools are a “captive audience” and helps generate trial that club and community programs can convert to long-term engagement.

This year we sent our coaches to various schools in May and June to deliver tennis programming during physical education classes.

A promotional flyer for Tennis NWT summer camps. The top half features a row of yellow tennis balls with various smiley face and 'I LOVE TENNIS' designs. Below this, the text 'GIVE YOUR KIDS AND TEENS A FUN-FILLED SUMMER' is written in orange. The flyer lists three programs: 'LE PETIT TENNIS' for 3-5 year olds, 'JUNIOR PROGRAM' for 6-16 year olds, and 'HIGH PERFORMANCE CAMP' for 11-16 year olds. It includes dates, times, and contact information for Tennis NWT. The bottom of the flyer has the text 'SPEND THE SUMMER WITH US' in large orange letters.

TENNIS NWT

SPEND THE SUMMER WITH US

GIVE YOUR KIDS AND TEENS A FUN-FILLED SUMMER

LE PETIT TENNIS 3 - 5 YEARS OLD
June, July and August
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Through stories and games these little kids learn how to hold a racket, hit a ball, identify the lines on a tennis court and have fun in the sun.

JUNIOR PROGRAM 6 - 16 YEARS OLD
June, July and August
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (6-10 year olds)
Mondays & Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (11 - 16 year olds)

HIGH PERFORMANCE CAMP 11 - 16 YEARS OLD
June 26 - June 30
Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CAMP INFORMATION
Tennis/Multisport Camp July and August
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday to Friday, July 4 - 7
Monday to Friday, July 10 - 14
Monday to Friday, July 17 - 21
Monday to Friday, July 24 - 28
Tennis NWT Part Time Camp
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday to Friday, June 26 - June 30
Monday to Friday, July 31 - August 4

For info: nwttennis@gmail.com

Promotional Material (cards) that our coaches distributed to participants in school

SUMMER PROGRAMS

This year summer season started on June 1, 2023.

JUNIORS PROGRAMS

The following juniors' programs were delivered for 11 weeks from end of May to mid-August: Le Petit Tennis, Beginner, Intermediate/Advance, High Performance and Juniors League.

Le Petit Tennis

Tennis NWT Association is using Le Petit Tennis (LPT) to get kids engaged in tennis at a young age. LPT is a visual story program to help children of ages 3-5 to discover tennis through a series of engaging stories while travelling across countries and cultures reaching all backgrounds.

Active Start

This stage of development is to promote the love of physical activity while laying the foundation for future enjoyment of tennis. Participants learn moving patterns, balance and coordination while having fun doing a variety of physical activities.

General Objectives

Instill a love of sport and being physically active by introducing kids to tennis using the appropriate modified progressive tennis equipment.



Juniors Beginners and Intermediate Clinics

Kids Tennis introduces the sport of tennis in a fun and interactive way and ensures immediate success for young players ages 6-12. Using modified tennis balls, racquets, nets and courts, young players are properly equipped to enjoy rallies and learn the fundamentals of the game early on. Skills are developed much quicker, allowing for an easy transition to full court. Our Junior Program for beginner and intermediate players involved training in all aspects of the game including stroke technique, footwork, strategy, consistency, and match play.

Juniors Advance /High Performance Clinics

These clinics are for juniors from ages of 10 to 15 who have demonstrated a keen interest in tennis and like a more intense training environment and smaller group ratio. The purpose is to develop higher-level tennis playing skills amongst youth from the North. The goal is to develop junior tennis in Yellowknife and NWT and have a junior team that will participate in Western Canada Summer Games and Canada Summer Games. As well, we would like to provide younger players an opportunity to become certified instructors, which would provide coaching resources for Yellowknife in the future.



Juniors League

This year on Saturday afternoon we introduced Juniors League to provide additional practice for kids who wanted to improve their game. The requirement of this program was that kids can rally, serve and score. We had two age groups for Intermediate and High Performance juniors.

SUMMER CAMPS

Tennis/Multisport Camp

This year we ran 4 weeks of Tennis/Multisport Camp in cooperation with the City of Yellowknife (July 4-28, 2023). Tennis NWT entered into contract with the City and we hired our High Performance athletes to work as assistant instructors and help our Lead Instructors/Club Pros Gabriel and Tamara.

Tennis NWT Camps

As well, Tennis NWT ran 2 weeks of half day summer camps for various age groups.

DATES	AGES	TIME
June 26-30	AGE 7 – 9	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
July 31 – August 4	AGE 10 – 12	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

7-9 years old

(6:1 Ratio)

This program is designed to teach all the shots in a fun learning environment using progressive tennis teaching methods. A great program for beginners and novice players. This camp was delivered Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (June 26-30).



9-12 years old

(6:1 Ratio)

This program is designed for beginner and intermediate players. Learn, improve and play. Mini matches played daily with a tournament on the last day. This program was delivered Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (July 31-August 4).



NWT OPEN

Despite blasting, construction and smoke Tennis NWT held 38th annual NWT Open tournament with 50 participants from Yellowknife and Fort Smith. Here are the results:

Mens Singles

Winner: Nikki Gohil

Runner up: Darren Campbell (walkover)

Ladies Singles

Winner: Tamara Jovic

Runner up: Mercy Mupedsizwa

Men's Doubles

Winner: Darren Campbell & Alberto Valero

Runner up: Nikki Gohil & Nittin Gohil

Ladies Doubles

Winner: Teresa Martin & Ofira Duru

Runner up: Hiro Kobayashi & Anita Aogaa

Mixed Doubles

Winner: Tamara Jovic & Stephen Messier

Runner up: Alex Goodfrey & Anita Aogaa

New champions of the court crowned



Alberto Valero, left, and Darren Campbell are all smiles after winning the NWT Open men's doubles crown at the Yellowknife Tennis Club on July 22. Photo courtesy of Slavica Jovic



Tamara Jovic, left, and Mercy Mupedsizwa were the finalists in the NWT Open's women's singles division. Jovic outlasted Mupedsizwa in three sets to claim her sixth women's singles title. Photo courtesy of Slavica Jovic

NWT Open tennis tournament sees plenty of exciting finishes at Yellowknife Tennis Club

By James McCarthy
Northern News Services

You'd be forgiven if you were playing in the NWT Open at the Yellowknife Tennis Club last weekend and missed a shot or two thanks to the blasting happening around the new aquatic centre.

And there was the small addition of forest fire smoke.

Amidst all of that, 50 players from Yellowknife and Fort Smith were on court for the 38th edition of the territorial tennis championships.

Slavica Jovic with Tennis NWT said everything started on the evening of July 20 with the early round matches.

"We were lucky that the weather was good, so we were able to accommodate consolation matches on Saturday and Sunday and give participants another opportunity to play if they lost their first round matches," she said.

Five divisions were in play over the course of the weekend: men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles and there were plenty of fine matches as the

tournament got down to crunch time.

The women's singles champion this year is Tamara Jovic and she overcame Mercy Mupedsizwa in the final, but Jovic was pushed all the way as it went all three sets in the best-of-three final. It's the sixth women's singles crown for Jovic.

The men's singles wasn't as exciting as Nikhilesh Gohil won over Darren Campbell by walkover.

Slavica Jovic said Campbell withdrew after playing four matches on Saturday and simply wasn't able to make it for his two scheduled matches the following day.

Teresa Martin and Ofira Duru are your women's doubles champions as they beat the duo of Hiro Kobayashi and Anita Aogaa in the decider. Campbell, though, was able to emerge victorious in the men's doubles final with his partner, Alberto Valero. They managed to outlast the father-son tandem of Nittin and Nikhilesh Gohil in a three-set thriller; Campbell and Valero needed a tiebreak in the third set to win it all.

Tamara Jovic and Stephen Messier took the honours in mixed doubles after beating Aogaa and her partner, Alex Goodfrey.



Fort Smith Participants



OUR COACHES

Tennis NWT would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to our coaches and to celebrate the positive impact that they had on kids and adults and made their athletic experience enjoyable.

Our coaches are Tennis Canada "Active Certified Coaches". An Active Certified Professional is:

- A fully certified Instructor, Club Professional or Coach
- A current member of the Tennis Professionals Association
- A professional who meets the minimum requirement for ongoing professional development (every 2 years except for: Instructor - every 4 years and Club Professional 1 - every 3 years)

We had another busy seasons. Our coaches delivered various clinics every day of the week. Le Petit Clinics (for 3-5 years old); Juniors Clinics (Beginner, Intermediate and High Performance); High Performance Camp; Ladies Clinics (Beginners and Intermediate/Advanced) and Men's Clinics (Beginners and Intermediate/Advance). We were able to provide good coach to student ratio. All clinics had minimum 3 coaches and some of juniors clinics had 4 coaches.

From left: Gabriel Girard, Ofira Duru, Tamara Jovic, Teresa Martin, Nikhilesh Gohil



EQUIPMENT

Tennis NWT received funding from the City of Yellowknife and purchased Stringing Machine.



TENNIS CANADA GAME, SET, EQUITY FUNDING

Tennis NWT was a recipient of the Game. Set. Equity. Community Tennis Grant presented by Tennis Canada and National Bank. Tennis Canada has selected ten programs to receive \$5,000 each in funding via the Game. Set. Equity.

This grant seeks to empower communities to develop and/or enhance programming for women and girls to break down barriers and drive our mission of equitable access to tennis. This is part of their long-term strategy for creating sustainable change for women and girls in all areas of tennis.

Our initiative supported 3 girls from Northwest Territories in obtaining coaching certifications. Tennis in our territory is lacking in terms of female specific coaching and programming.

Tamara Jovic (22 years old) took Club Pro 2 Course in Vancouver (April 20 - 23; June 22-25; September 28-October 1; November 16-19, 2023) to be able to coach the Tennis NWT team at the 2025 Canada Games, as that is requirement in the technical package for 2025 Canada Games.

Ofira Duru (16 years old) and Teresa Martin (18 years old) took Instructor Course in Yellowknife (May 19-22, 2023) and coaches various programs this summer.



AWARDS

TENNIS CANADA DISTINGUISH AWARDS

The Distinguish Service Awards are awarded to people who have made a valuable long-term contribution to our sport in Canada. To be considered for the award, the candidate must have a record of involvement (minimum five years) at the national, provincial or community level. Tennis NWT had 2 recipients:

DENNIS BEVINGTON

- Has been instrumental in the development of tennis in NWT. He was involved in founding the NWT's first tennis club, in addition to initiating the Tennis NWT Association, 38 years ago. Dennis is the Past President of Tennis NWT and is the President of Fort Smith Tennis Club.
- Made and continues to make a significant contribution to the game of tennis by volunteering their time and skills at tournaments, promotions, community activities and any other developmental programs that help to grow the game.

JEANNIE SCOTT

- Made a significant contribution to the growth and popularity of the game through club management and community club involvement. Jeannie joined the Yellowknife Tennis Club many years ago. She was the Secretary for a few years and in 2016 she became the President of the Yellowknife Tennis Club. She remained as President until 2020.
- Jeannie is Tennis Canada certified instructor. She contributed to development of the game by organizing the first ever Le Petit Clinic and providing coaching.

At this year's NWT Open tournament John St. Louis, Past President, presented awards to 3 recipients that were there (Dennis, Tamara and Shirley). Richard and Jeannie were not able to be there:



JUNIORS AWARDS

To celebrate many successes of our junior players awards were presented to the following:
From left: Nora, Daniel-eli Croft, Jackson and Dexter Dungey



AFILIATE CLUBS

FORTH SMITH TENNIS CLUB

Fort Smith Tennis Club had 40 members this year. They provided a summer program focused on improving skills. Juniors Clinics with coach Joan were popular this summer. Fort Smith Open Tournament was held from June 30 –July 2, 2023. It was a great 38th annual tournament followed by a barbecue.



YELLOWKNIFE TENNIS CLUB

Yellowknife Tennis Club has hired new General Manager, Ainsley Dempsey. They hosted Open House on June 3, 2023. Adults clinics were well attended with average of 15-20 men and 20 women per clinic. Two tournaments were held this summer. Doubles tournament and fall tournaments were cancelled due to evacuation. Some clinics were cancelled due to poor air quality brought on by the smoke.

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Let the tennis season begin

Ainsley Dempsey, the new general manager of the Yellowknife Tennis Club, said that even though she's new to the role, everyone has been really welcoming. Kaicheng Xin/NNSL photo



Yellowknife Tennis Club hosts open house to introduce new pro and new campaign

Guests mingle around at the Yellowknife Tennis Club's open house on Saturday. Kaicheng Xin/NNSL photo

By Kaicheng Xin
Northern News Services

The Yellowknife Tennis Club kicked off its new season with a barbecue and gathering at the McNiven Tennis Courts on Saturday afternoon.

Ainsley Dempsey, the club's general manager, said that the idea behind the event is to allow members to meet again after the end of last season, as well as to introduce both herself and Gabriel Girard, the club's new pro, since they are new in this position. Girard comes to the city from Nova Scotia. Dempsey said that the barbecue is a good way to draw people

out and break the ice.

"Come have a burger, sit down, kind of break bread together," she said.

The day included a silent auction which helped raise money for the club's programming.

Dempsey stated that the goal this year is to grow the membership number since they've lost some of the members over Covid-19 restrictions during the past.

"We're hoping to bring in more members," she said. "Obviously, it's declined a little bit over Covid, so we want to bring up people who haven't played before because it's everybody from beginners to pros here. We really want to make it accessible to everybody."



This year Saturday morning socials was organized by Randy Rivers. Relaxed atmosphere, friendly doubles matches, so much fun – tennis at its best!



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024

Positive Culture

Safe Sport Initiative

Improved Marketing and Communications

Improve Operational Procedures

Updating of Policies

Development of New Clubs in Communities

Club Development Program

Sponsorships and Grants

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