

May 2024

FROM THE SERVICE LIN **Hello Summer!**

The Indoor season has wound down - it's now on to outdoor tennis. Thanks to everyone who made the indoor sessions run so smoothly. We couldn't have done it without our volunteer session coordinators extraordinaire! Many thanks to Matt Collingwood, Lauren Kang, and Besette Piorecky who worked with Patti to keep the courts full and the sessions fun for everyone.

Summer plans are now in place so please keep reading!

Outdoor Tennis -Evening Drop-in Sessions

In February, members of the CTS Executive met with City Staff who informed us the Landing Sports Centre would remain the only indoor option for tennis.

They also said one or more of the groups currently renting space in the evenings at the Landing might be relocating. This could potentially free up some additional evening rental opportunities for the CTS.

If these opportunities do arise, we will need to be able to fill those spots, or they will be offered to other organizations! If we want to be ready to book some of those additional times in the fall we need to build our membership!

Summer is a great time to work on recruiting new players. Last summer, through our website we connected with 17 new players who joined the CTS, and played in our Fall/Winter/Spring sessions.

In the past we have struggled with assured access to outdoor courts in the evenings.

This year the city has agreed to let us rent 4 courts on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, at Portage Park (Tuesdays) and Watson Glen (Thursday). This will provide guaranteed time and space for more of our members to play, and for us to work with and help new players.

All Drop-In sessions will be "loosely" organized - no sign up; no players lists; everyone who shows up PLAYS! Players will form doubles groups, play short sets, and re-group a few times over the course of the evening. This gives people the opportunity to play with a variety of other players.

We need several volunteers to take turns as "Session Hosts" and keep the system working smoothly.

We are also looking for volunteers who would be willing to give up a little time to play with and help new players.

We hope to build a strong feeling of "club" at our evening drop-in sessions, where our members have an opportunity to play with different people, and new players are welcomed and encouraged to participate.

If you are interested in volunteering as a host or helper at the evening drop-ins, please contact Patti at patti.turner@shaw.ca. It would be great to have 4 - 5 volunteers to take turns each evening!

Evening Drop-In Times

When: **Tuesday evenings**

5:30 pm - dusk

Where: Kinsmen Park - Portage Courts

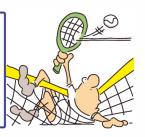
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When: **Thursday evenings**

5:03 pm - dusk

Where: Watson Glen Park Tennis Courts

5727 Tyson Rd, Chilliwack



Racquet Demo Evening.

Mark recently sent out an email outlining plans for a "Racquet Demo Evening" on **Thursday, June 20th** at Watson Glen courts (5:30 - it's too dark to see). If the weather on the 20th doesn't cooperate, we'll reschedule to June 27th.



To make the session as valuable as possible, we ask everyone who is interested to pre-register to participate.

If you would like to be take part, please email Mark at mark.turner@shaw.ca.

Morning Drop-in Times

When: Tuesday & Thursday mornings

8:30 am (may start earlier as the weather get hotter)

Where: Watson Glen Park Tennis Courts

5727 Tyson Rd, Chilliwack (by the Library and Ice Rinks)

All sessions will be "loosely" organized - no sign up; no players lists; all members who show up PLAY!

Tennis Ladders

The CTS is hosting a mixed singles ladder and a mixed doubles ladder this summer.

To sign up go to Tennis Rungs at: https://app.tennisrungs.com/Public/Register/149382233

It's free for members and \$10 for non-members to join .
That \$10 makes you a member for the remainder of this membership year - June-July.

Check out our website for the ladder rules. www.chilliwacktennissociety.org

Please "SAVE THE DATE" and plan to attend!



We'll use the same **TEAMS** format that's been successful in the past. Teams of 4 players - 2 men, 2 women - will play in a Round Robin format. Games will include men's doubles, women's doubles, mixed doubles

Players of all skill levels are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Registration information will be out soon!

Location: Kinsmen Park (Portage Courts)

If there's rain, a heat dome, or smoke we'll play indoors at The Landing

Spare fees are now due.
You will receive an email notice
telling you how much you owe
for October - May.



Please welcome our newest members

Bob Boucher, Joe Massie, Kyle Peters, Ben Svehla, Jim Young