

## **Executive Summary**

The Tecumseh Tennis Club (the “Club”) is a friendly, community-based tennis club that has been part of Mississauga's Lorne Park neighbourhood for more than 30 years. The Club is a not-for-profit, volunteer-run, seasonal facility (March – November) offering competitive and recreational tennis play.

After two years of pandemic disruption, the 2022 season allowed us to operate for the entire outdoor season as well as successfully resume social events and league play. We once again saw an increase in Membership, and we saw an increase in attendance at all Club programs. Our dedicated community volunteers worked to ensure the Club operated smoothly throughout the season. The infusion of new Members has also resulted in a corresponding increase in revenues, providing an opportunity to make further improvements to the Club.

The previous season was a transition year for the Club and many changes were implemented. With continued positive feedback, we kept many things the same for 2022, including the Club website, our Tennis Director, the court booking process and our security system.

The Club now has thirty-three (33) five-star [Google reviews](#), illustrating a high level of Member engagement and appreciation of the Club.

## **Property/Equipment Report**

The Executive Board has addressed many property/maintenance related issues at the Club and continues to work to make further improvements.

### **Courts and Lighting**

The Club has four (4) fully lit hard courts, and it has been more than a decade since the courts were resurfaced. The Club’s existing lighting was installed by the City over 30 years ago. Conversations are underway with the City to ensure the infrastructure is upgraded next season. We have now received confirmation that court resurfacing and replacement lights for our Club are in the City’s proposed plans, but the approval must still go through their budget process. Assuming everything is approved, we should have our new lights installed near the end of the 2023 season. Once the lights are installed, the courts can be resurfaced. If it is too late in the season, the resurfacing will be completed the following spring to avoid the possibility of damage over the winter. The City has committed to repair the cracks on the courts at the start of the 2023 season so that they remain playable and safe while we await the resurfacing.

### **Equipment**

The following improvements were made around the facility this season:

- The City replaced the burned-out bulbs on Court 4 and Court 3
- One new net was purchased and installed on Court 2
- New chairs were provided on Court 4
- Weed control and general maintenance was completed as required

## Membership Report

The Club experienced another increase in Membership since last season and overall, there were 592 Members in 2022. We allowed returning Members to join for the 2022 season starting on March 15 and new Members to join starting April 1. The Club was near capacity very early in the season and we started a waitlist. The Executive Board had agreed that if they deemed the Club could accommodate more Members without negatively impacting access to courts, then there would be a discussion as to whether to allow more people to join. Since the courts were not heavily used during daytime hours (M-F 7am-4pm and Sa-Su 12-4pm), a daytime membership option was provided this season for waitlisted Members interested in only playing during those non-peak times. There were 30 individuals added to the Membership from the waitlist.

The courts were not unacceptably busy with the current number of Members and the Executive Board has agreed to accept 600 Members next season.

See tables below for Membership details and year-over-year changes.

### Tecumseh Tennis Club Member Report

Year	Total Members	Adults	Juniors	New Members
2022	592	385	189	182
2021	520	349	171	232
2020	264	166	98	N/A
2019	334	205	129	N/A
2018	382	239	143	N/A
2017	444	287	157	N/A
2016	472	299	173	N/A

### Breakdown by Membership Type

Year	Family	Couple	Adult	Student	Senior	Junior
2022	83	76	73	4	14	28
2021	71	50	92	4	14	29
2020	42	23	32	1	4	4
2019	46	32	45	1	7	23
2018	54	35	54	1	12	27
2017	69	47	47	1	13	8
2016	76	48	48	1	12	14

## **Tennis Instruction – Lessons/Clinics**

We were pleased to welcome back Steve Theodoropoulos as our Tennis Director and his assistant coach, Damaris Aguilera, for the 2022 season.

We continue to receive very positive comments regarding Steve's work as our Tennis Director. We are also appreciative of the additional roles Steve played at the Club beyond providing instruction and clinics to Members, such as skill assessments for the evening Round Robins, enforcing Club policies and assisting with court maintenance.

## **Club Programming**

The Executive Board organized many programs this season in an effort to provide Members more opportunities to play at the Club and meet new Members. These included:

- Tuesday and Sunday evening Round Robins (divided by skill level, with advanced sign up required)
- Monday and Wednesday morning Round Robins
- Singles and Doubles Tennis Ladders
- Lakeshore League interclub play (Division 4 team)
- Social Events (Beach Night social event, Black & White mini tournament, End of Season social event)
- Vintage Tournament (age 60+)
- Annual Club Tournament, with prizes for winners
- Public open houses, providing an opportunity for neighbouring residents to play on the courts and to attract new Members in the future

Congratulations to the Tecumseh Tennis Club Lakeshore League team for placing first in their division. The team will move up to play in Division 3 next season! Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Tournament events and Tennis Ladders! And finally, a big thank you to the Members volunteers that helped facilitate the Round Robins and Tennis Ladders this season.

## **Communications**

The Board maintained the Club [website](#) as the central point of information for all Members. The site provides information on registration, instruction, court booking, tennis programming and Club announcements. This season, we added an online [Club Calendar](#) for Members to find out when Club programming and events are scheduled. We also added an [FAQ document](#) to help orient new (and returning) Members to the Club.

Regular email communications were distributed to the Member email list throughout the season. Important Club information that was included as part of the email distributions was also posted on the [Announcements](#) page of the website.

An end-of-season online Member survey was disseminated in late October. The Board received a response rate of ~22% to the survey. Member feedback is invaluable when planning further improvements to the Club and the Board will take all comments received into consideration when planning for the 2023 season.

### **Closing remarks**

The Executive Board hopes that all Members enjoyed their experience at the Tecumseh Tennis Club this season. Stay safe!

### **2022 Board of Directors**

Russ Ford, President

Nicole Baryla, Vice President and Secretary

Carol Salisbury, Property Director

Gordon King, Treasurer

Claudine Quinn, Membership Director

Joanne DeVoe, Social Director

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Evelyn Borys, Member-at-Large

Reno Capano, Member-at-Large