

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.

This year, in addition to our regular club programs and activities, we held more socials, introduced recreational tournaments, added a second Lakeshore League team, and established a competitive age 55+ club team. We maintained our Membership numbers and operated at capacity again this season. Our dedicated community volunteers worked to ensure the Club operated smoothly.

With continued positive feedback, we kept many things the same for 2023, including our Tennis Director, the Club website, the court booking process and our security system.

The Club now has forty-three (43) five-star [Google reviews](#), illustrating a high level of Member engagement and appreciation of the Club and what it offers the community.

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 fully lit hard courts, and it has been over a decade since the courts were resurfaced. The Club's existing lighting was installed by the City over 30 years ago.

When the season started, the courts were close to unplayable. Court 1 especially was in bad shape – crumbling to the point that there were missing pieces of the court. It was at the very least a playing issue, but there was also a risk of injury. The City hired contractors to patch the courts, which got us through this season. However, patching is only a temporary solution. We had several meetings with the City around the future of the courts. Originally, we thought we just needed to resurface, but it became clear that with the amount of water trapped under the courts, a much bigger solution would be needed.

The talks then turned to full reconstruction of the courts. Under the terms of our agreement with the City, the cost of reconstruction is split evenly between the City and the Club. In its last City budget, Mississauga Council approved the allocation of funds to cover the City's portion of the reconstruction cost.

Recently, the Club was approved for an Ontario Trillium Foundation capital grant (\$150,000) that will help cover our portion of the reconstruction cost. New courts are on the horizon.

The renovations to the Club will include removal of the existing lighting poles/wiring and installation of new, higher poles with flood lights. Drainage issues will be addressed and then the court reconstruction will begin. The work will start in the early spring, which means the Club will have a later start to the 2024 season.

Equipment

The following improvements were made around the facility this season:

- The City replaced burned-out bulbs on Court 4.
- New chairs and cushions were provided on Court 4 and for under the shelter.
- New rollers for drying the courts were purchased.
- Planted flowers.
- Weed control and general maintenance was completed as required.

Membership Report

The Club maintained its Membership numbers and overall, there were 608 Members in 2023. We allowed returning Members to join for the 2023 season starting on March 15 and new Members to join starting April 1. The Club reached capacity prior to the end of April 2023.

The courts were not unacceptably busy with the current number of Members and the Executive Board has agreed to again 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 (18+)	Juniors (<18)	New Members
2023	608	423	185	187
2022	592	403	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
2023	81	86	71	5	14	21
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 for the 2023 season. This year, Steve engaged Angela Chimienti and Nicole Baryla as his assistant coaches to help with kids' clinics.

We continue to receive very positive comments regarding Steve's work as our Tennis Director. We are also appreciative of the additional roles Steve plays at the Club beyond providing instruction and clinics to Members, such as 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 doubles Round Robins (divided by skill level, with advanced sign up required)
- Monday and Wednesday morning doubles Round Robins
- Singles and Doubles Tennis Ladders
- Lakeshore League interclub play (Division 3 and Division 5 teams)
- Intercounty Tennis Association age 55+ League interclub play (Division B southwest team)
- Social Events
 - Some Like It Hot Club opening event (80 members signed up to attend)
 - June mini doubles tournament & social (24 members participated)
 - July Wimbledon mini doubles tournament & social (24 members participated)
- Tournaments
 - Vintage Tournament – age 55+ (Men's and Ladies' singles, Mixed Doubles)
 - Annual Club Tournament (Mixed doubles, Men's and Ladies' doubles, Men's and Ladies' singles), with prizes for winners
 - We were grateful for our Annual Tournament sponsors, Le Delice Pastry Shop and Sam McDadi Real Estate Inc.

Thank you to all Members who participated in the Club activities and regular programming. Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Tournament events and Tennis Ladders! And finally, a big

thank you to the Member volunteers that captained the League teams, facilitated the Round Robins & Tournaments and ran the Tennis Ladders this season.

Community Impact

The Club has and will continue to serve various populations within Mississauga. In addition to providing affordable tennis instruction and programming for Members, our Club has had additional impact in the community this season. This included:

- Holding public open houses, providing an opportunity for neighbouring residents to play on the courts and to attract new Members in the future.
- Hosting regional tennis tournaments (ROPSSAA) and prioritizing practice court access to students in Peel Region (Iona Catholic Secondary School).
- Donation of tennis rackets for distribution to those in less fortunate socio-economic communities. This year we held a racket drive and collected 12 rackets that were donated to the Salvation Army Port Credit.
- Providing high school students volunteer roles at the Club to complete community service hours.

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. We also maintained the online [Club Calendar](#) (for Members to find out when Club programming and events are scheduled) and the [FAQ document](#) to help orient new and returning Members to the Club.

This season the Tecumseh Tennis Club joined social media. Members were invited to follow us on Instagram [@tecumsehtennis](#) and join our Facebook group [Tecumseh Tennis](#) to stay abreast of important dates, learn about upcoming events, connect with other Members, and more.

We continued to communicate to Members through our multiple communication channels (email distribution, website [Announcements](#) and social media) to share important news and updates.

An end-of-season online Member survey was disseminated in mid-October, which is one of the vehicles the Board uses to get feedback from the Club Members. We received a response rate of ~20% 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 2024 season.

Closing remarks

The Executive Board hopes that all Members enjoyed their experience at the Tecumseh Tennis Club in 2023 and we look forward to seeing everyone on our brightly lit, newly reconstructed courts next year!

2023 Board of Directors

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