

# WINNIPEG WINTER CLUB

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



A special welcome to all of the new people that have joined the Winter Club community over the past few months. I am very pleased to report that our membership numbers continue to improve month over month. In fact since September 2008, the start of our new fiscal year, we have had 178 new people become members bringing the total number to 1246. This translates to a very strong financial statement for your Club! As an example, in September 2007 our total membership revenue for the month was \$106,762, and I am very pleased to report that membership revenue for the month of January 2009 is \$133,416 a 25% increase.

While we still have a long way to go in order to really firm up our financial position we are most certainly on the right track. The pending land sale of the outdoor tennis court area will of course go along way to helping us eliminate debt that

will even strengthen our position that much more. The current offer on the land is set to close in July of 2009 assuming the group we are working with is able to secure a change in zoning with the City of Winnipeg.

In February a group will be meeting to set up the structure for a new initiative for the Winter Club. This is being called **Project Future** for the time being. The goal here is to first understand what we as members will need from our Club in the years to come. We will study our current membership demographics, along with the various sports and programs that we currently offer. The next step is to project into the future what our Club will need to do in order to meet the membership needs in 2015 and beyond. An outcome of this **Project Future** will be to develop some clarity on what our actual facility will need to look like to accommodate our needs. With some clarity around what facility changes

will need to be made, we will then be able to determine the costs to accomplish this goal.

Yes that does mean that at some point over the months ahead we will be launching a capital campaign in order to raise the money that will be needed to finance the facility improvements. I am very confident that once we have a clear vision and the cost structure to help us achieve this vision, that our membership will be very supportive of this endeavour. If you have an interest in participating in this **Project Future** please let Rob Guthrie know so we can make appropriate arrangements to get you involved.

Our strategic plan that was developed a couple of years ago identified one of the unique qualities of the Winter Club being – *the sense of community*. We see this sense of community at work all the time around the Club and recently we have seen a demonstration of this by some members making anonymous

gifts to the Club. These gifts range from people working to repair the stools in the change room, to donating hangers, phones and towels, but more recently, the gracious contribution of a complete new audio and video system in the Fitness Area. It can also be demonstrated by introducing yourself to a new face you meet at the Club. As our earlier survey said, people may come to the Winter Club for the *facility* but they stay for the *community*!

If you have any comments, suggestions or ideas on how to improve even further on our sense of community or any other aspect of the Winter Club please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Sincerely,  
Pat O'Connor  
President*

## MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



The beginning of any New Year is the most opportune time to get going on achieving your New Year's Resolutions. Judging by the activity each day in the facility many of the members of the Club are looking for a lifestyle change ensuring that physical activity becomes a larger part of their lives. Usage in all areas is on the incline and it is great to see the motivation of many members.

When I arrived as General Manager in September of 2005 our focus was to increase membership and to enhance the services and offerings to the membership. We have worked hard to

achieve both these goals in the last 3 plus years with constant membership growth coupled with an increase in programming enrollment. Without our fine staff none of the successes would have been possible. The Board of Directors oversaw policy matters and the staff advised and implemented the decisions of the Board. However we know that we are not done, that we cannot become complacent. It was always and will always be a team effort involving dedicated individuals from the staff to the membership. Let's keep the momentum going!

February may be a short month but it is a busy one at the Club:

- Fitness Challenge on all

month. Check out the fitness center or contact Erin Palmer for more details.

- Chef Craig is once again offering a fabulous selection of Amuses Bouche on Valentine's Day. Make your reservations today as it is nearing a sell out!

- Junior Tennis Open February 12 - 15

- Lois Riel Day, Monday, February 16 – Club open 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- MB Jr. Squash Open February 20 - 22

- Beat the Blues Brunch February 22, 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- WWC Invitational Badminton Tournament February 22 - March 1

- WWC Members Hockey Tournament February 26 - 28

*Cheers,  
Rob Guthrie*

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## TENNIS



### COURT BOOKING (POLICY CHANGES)

In order to streamline

the system and be fair for all bookings, the front desk can no longer book 3 days in advance at 7:00 p.m. There were too many instances of members phoning prior to 7:00 p.m. and hanging out at the front desk before 7:00 p.m. to try and book a court before the 7:00 p.m. start. Now the only way to book 3 days in advance is by members booking online, which gives everyone a fair chance to get a court with only the one stream of booking. At the moment, the clock turns over at midnight to be able to book, and I am working with the website producer to get that changed to earlier in the day (hoping to get it for 7:00 p.m., but will keep you posted in a future email). Practice courts will only be allowed as walk-ons during prime time and may be booked as practice courts during non-prime time! If the court is available, go to the front desk and tell them you are booking the court as a

walk on-practice. Also, remember to be fair to all members, you can only book a court once in primetime. You are welcome to book anytime during non-prime time as long as they are not back to back bookings (must be an hour separating the booking).

### KIDS DENTAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

The annual junior tournament is scheduled for February 12 -15 this year. Keep that in mind for any changes to lessons or leagues normally running during those days. The tournament will be using all the courts on the weekend and after 4:00 pm during the weekdays. There should be some exciting action as this tournament is the final stop for points for qualifying for the Winter Nationals in March and April. Come out and watch some great Junior Tennis!

### SPRING BREAK TRI RACQUET CAMP

Please visit the website homepage for sign up sheets, spots go fast so do not delay. There is a non-member rate as well. This is a great way to introduce some new families to our great Club!

### BALL MACHINE

Working smoothly since it went in for repairs. Sign up for the Ball Machine Club at Reception. If your looking to hone a certain skill or shot, the ball machine is the best hitting partner around! Ask any pro for a quick demo of how the machine works before signing up.

### ALL TENNIS PROGRAMS LEAGUES, CLINICS, AND CASUAL BOOKINGS ARE AT NEAR CAPACITY!

I will be unveiling the Tennis Canada programs in the spring. They will be a little more comprehensive and also allow more opportunities for training and match play. At the same time it should hopefully open up a few more courts for casual booking. Its always difficult task to juggle the court bookings to try and accommodate the 3 main areas in the Tennis Department. They are:

1. Lessons (programs & privates)
2. Leagues and clinics
3. Casual Bookings

Thanks to all tennis playing

members that know the struggle of trying to get your tennis fix in. Your flexibility in booking courts (sometimes at difficult times of the day and night) are appreciated. I'll continue to try and open up as many slots as possible for the casual user, try and have lesson times that are age appropriate, and offer as many diverse leagues as court time will allow.

### TENNIS TEAM CHAMPIONS!

Marlene Collette, Rosemary Scurfield, Lee Ha Bryk & Lori Mann won "The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Philpott Ladies' Invitational Charity Tennis Tournament which was held in Toronto, Ontario. This annual event brings together women who have the passion for tennis and charity with the goal of helping to support access to tennis for inner-city children.

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## SQUASH



### LEAGUES

If you are interested in playing squash and

haven't yet gotten started, you are always welcome to join any of our leagues at any time. The Monday Night House League and our Techno Squash league is open to players of all levels. I set up matches for players in both leagues, so you will always have someone to play. Our novice night squash on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. is a great way for you to get yourself involved in the sport. At our Novice Nights you will learn all the basics you need to get you started in league or just recreational Club play. To register or

for more information contact Trevor at ext. 105.

### JUNIOR PROGRAMS

If your kids are interested in trying out squash they too can join in at any time. If they would like to give it a try before committing to the program they can come out and borrow a racquet and pair of glasses and see what all the fun is about. We offer munchkin programming for 5-8 year olds on Tuesdays from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. and Sundays from 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. We also have intermediate, competitive and teen programs for our junior players. To find out which program is right for your child, contact Trevor at ext. 105.

### ADULT SQUASH CLINIC

We will be running an adult squash clinic on Tuesday nights throughout February for those players who play at the men's C through E level. The clinic will be drill based, to not only introduce players to various drills they can work on but to help them improve and reach their goals, such as beating your long time rival! The clinic runs from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from February 3 - 24 at a cost of \$40. If you are interested please contact Trevor.

### TOURNAMENTS

The next Squash Tournament that will be run at the Winter Club will be the Manitoba Junior Open from February 20 - 22. Some court time will be avail-

able during this time, so please check the online bookings for court availability.

The Dominion Antiques Manitoba Closed was once again a great success. The tournament ran from January 27 - February 1. We would like to thank our gracious sponsors who include Riley Peake and Dominion Antiques, Evan Mancer and Cardinal Capital Management Inc., as well as Squash Manitoba and of course the Winter Club itself. Without the support of our sponsors, events like these would not be possible.

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## MEMBERSHIP



### IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER LADIES LUNCHEON!

Wednesday, February 25 is the date to mark your calendar and treat a friend to lunch. Come see what fashions and colours are in for the spring while you enjoy a complimentary makeover, polish change and hand treatment all by the Bobbi Brown/Holt Renfrew Team. Light lunch (\$13 all in), menu to follow.

Thank you to all of our members who have been so helpful in providing names of potential

members this past month and a very special thank you to Jean Marc Roy, Pat O'Connor and Chris Davis for your new member referrals in January. Your Club can only get stronger as a result of new member referrals.

Bring a friend week will be held February 23 through 28. Reserve a pass and have the guest fee(s) waived by emailing or calling me directly.

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Tennis court booking (Policy Change)

### Effective immediately:

Reception Desk can only book

courts up to 2 days in advance. 3 day advance bookings may now only be done from your own computer.

All guests of members must be registered at Reception Desk.

All junior members under 12 years of age must have an adult accompany them while using the bowling alley.

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rolf and Melissa Kajpust  
Allison Baird  
Jue and Jiacheng He  
Chris and Lisa Davis (Jonathon & Alexis)  
Marcie Thiessen  
Sam and Tracy Tourond (Sarah)  
Jessica Johanson  
Cam Brown

## URBAN PRAIRIE CUISINE

### CATERING

It's easy to have a great business meeting at the Winnipeg Winter Club. Call Frank Desmarais at 452-3311 ext. 143 to book a room, members never pay any room rental.

### Conference Room

Seats up to 20 people

### Fireplace Room

Seats up to 70 people

### Riverview Room

Seats up to 120 people

### EVENTS

We have a full schedule of events to get you out while we all wait for spring! Make your reservations early!

### Valentines Day Dinner

February 14

Reservations Please

Reserve with the Front Desk

### Winter Blues Brunch

February 22

Reserve with the Front Desk

### Ladies' Luncheon

February 25

Reserve with the Front Desk

### Cooking with Craig

March 10

Reserve with the Front Desk

### Easter Brunch

April 12

Reserve with the Front Desk

### Bru Ha Ha Dinner

April 25

Reservations please

Reserve with the Front Desk

*We look forward to serving you!*

*Chef Craig Guenther*

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## FITNESS



### FEBRUARY IS ALL ABOUT FITNESS!

Take part in the ANNUAL

Fitness CHALLENGE February 1 - 28! Members will be running, skipping, rowing, boxing, lifting, pushing, swimming and playing their way through the month of February to increase their fitness levels, reach their fitness goals and raise funds for the Fitness Centre! Challenge yourself, your spouse and your friends to this fun challenge and sign up today!

Registration Forms available online and in the Fitness Centre! The Wrap Up Dinner and

Awards Celebration will be catered by Chef Craig on Saturday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m.!

### RAVE REVIEWS!

The new TV's are sparkling and the Wireless Headsets are ready! Come on into the Fitness Centre and see what all the buzz is about! Four Panasonic flat screen TV's and an awesome new sound system in both the Fitness Centre and the Aerobics Room have been generously donated to the Winnipeg Winter Club by one of our members!

To use these headsets, follow these simple instructions:

1. Turn on TV to desired channel (Remote on Fitness Office Window Ledge)
2. Turn on the Wireless Head set
3. Adjust the Volume and Tune the Headset to match your channel of choice.

Have a great workout and kindly turn off the Headset when finished!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask!

### FEBRUARY FAREWELL

It has been my pleasure to act as Fitness Director this past two and half years at the Winnipeg Winter Club. I'm very excited to announce that I will be moving into a contractor position focusing on Personal Training and Fitness Instruction, March 1, 2009! I'd like to thank all the staff and members for making this such an excellent work place and an enjoyable experience!

*In Health,*

*Erin Palmer*

*Fitness Director*

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## BADMINTON



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JUNIOR  
CLOSED**

### BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

*Thoby Cameron* of the Winnipeg Winter Club won the triple Crown in U19 at the MB Junior Closed held January 16 - 18. *Kristy Beettam* also of the Club proved to be the dark horse of the tournament winning the U19 girls singles defeating the No. 1 seed in the finals.

Other players from Winter Club who also did well are as follows.

#### U19

*Andrew Harrison, Kyle Grymonpre, Jordan Beettam, Alexandra Dansen, Sena Lam & Alexa Laidlaw*

#### U16

*Andrew Thiessen & James Thorpe*

#### U12

*Kim Hurst*

Congratulations to all the players for doing well.

### SILVER MEDAL FOR DAVID SNIDER

Congratulations to *David Snider* for winning the silver medal in the Men's Singles at the Canadian National Badminton Championship that was held in Laval, Quebec on January 29 - 31. He lost to Andrew Debeka of Ottawa in the finals.

*Kristin Szuminsky* and *Tasia Lightly* won the Women's Doubles consolations. Other Winter Club players - *Sam Parrish, Matt Younger* and *Ryan Giesbrecht* also played well and had some good wins in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Well done everyone.

### PHIL ALLARD MEMORIAL DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Winter Club players also did very well at the Phil Allard first Annual Memorial Badminton Tournament held at the Wildwood Club January 30 - February 1.

Their results are as follows:

*Thoby Cameron & Jordan Beettam:* Winner Men's "A" Doubles. *Thoby* also won the Mixed Doubles.

*Jordan & Kristy Beettam:* runner-up in the Mixed Doubles. *Kristy* was also runner-up in the Women's Doubles.

*Alexandra Dansen & Sena Lam:* winners Women's "A" Doubles. *Andrew Harrison & Kyle Grymonpre:* runner-up Men's "A" Doubles.

*Justin Friesen:* runner-up Men's "B" Doubles

*Pam Smith & Terri Unilowsky:* runner-up of Women's Doubles.

*Ron Zimmerman & Pam Smith:* runner-up of mixed doubles.

Congratulations Everyone!

### WEDNESDAY EVENING MIXED BADMINTON

It's great to see excellent turn-outs on this fun-filled evening of badminton. I am sure everyone is enjoying the mix of games as well as the social aspect of it. Please remember to keep calling to register or cancel by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

### COMING EVENTS

Winnipeg Winter Club Invitational Badminton Tournament, February 26 - March 1, 2009

**Major Sponsor:** Canadian Tire, Garden City Location

### Also supported by:

Badminton Manitoba, RSL and Racquets Pro Shop.

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## SKATING



Six more weeks of winter...six more weeks of cold. Come down to your Club and Skate during the General Skate and Hockey times on Saturdays and Sundays. Check the online schedule for ice times, also wherever you see blank spots in the schedule you may

come down and skate on the ice.

### FIGURE SKATING

On Saturday, January 17, five of our WWC members competed in the Starskate Regional Competition that took place at the Terry Sawchuck Arena and the results were:

*Isabella Wardrop:* Entry Level Ladies' Elements - 1<sup>st</sup> place

*Mackenzie Kolton:* Entry Level Ladies' Elements - 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
*Nicola Odaisky:* Pre-Preliminary Elements - 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Pre-Preliminary Ladies' Freeskate - 6<sup>th</sup> place  
*Steffany King:* Pre-Preliminary Ladies' Freeskate - 4<sup>th</sup> place  
*Julia MacAulay:* Entry Level Freeskate - 4<sup>th</sup> place  
Congratulations ladies, we are very proud of your accomplishments!

### LOUIS RIEL DAY

Spend time with your loved ones at the WWC!

#### General Skate:

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

#### General Hockey:

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

#### Member Hockey:

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

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## MASSAGE WORKS

MassageWorks is pleased to announce that John Lagasne will be our new massage therapist at The Winnipeg Winter Club. Thank you to everyone

who went to see him during his practicum. He enjoyed his experience and decided to become a permanent member of

our team. He will be starting in mid February. Watch around the club for his hours and official start date.

*Shelly Bauer RMT*

*MassageWorks*

*Appointments: 452-3311*