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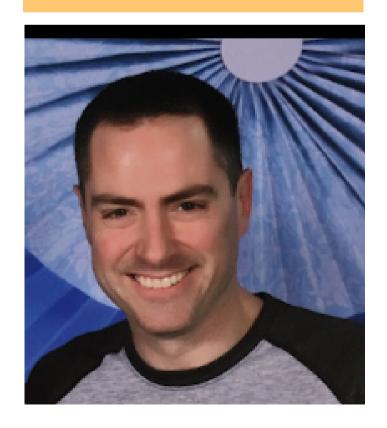
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WELCOME OUR NEW PRO

St. Tim's has contracted with teaching pro Dave Carroll for the 2021 season. Dave is an experienced professional, coming to us most recently from 40 West and the Carroll Tennis Center. Dave will be providing lessons and conducting hitting clinics for our members and a broader cross-section of former students. Our more senior members will remember that St. Tim's had a pro for many years in the past. That provided a boost to youth membership, an influx of new faces and a steady influence for those of us—all of us—who want to improve our game. A schedule of clinics and lesson opportunities can be found on our club bulletin board and website. Welcome Dave!





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KIDS CAMP AND HITTING CLINICS

Dave Carroll has established a schedule for the Spring and Summer season. That schedule, with clinic dates is posted on the bulletin board and website. Please email Dave with your questions: davecarrolltennis@gmail.com.

APPRECIATION FOR JIMMY MOHLER—OUR LONGEST CONTINUOUS MEMBER

Jimmy joined St. Tim's when he was 15 years old and has been a member ever since. He just turned 80! Utilizing the skills he built at St. Tim's, he went on to Captain the Loyola College tennis team in an undefeated season. He also is a board member. Thanks, Jimmy!

PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

Members have been asking about parking. We have two good options: parking along the south-side) fence line (facing Jiffy Lube) is always open to our members. In addition, we have access to the large Woman's Club parking lot on the east side of the courts. As you enter, the first five or six spots are reserved for neighboring businesses—so only use those after hours and on weekends. The rest of the parking lot is open for use, except on those few occasions they are holding an event that fills the lot. Tip: there are more spaces behind their clubhouse, in the rear of the lot.

MARKETING AND OUTREACH EFFORT UNDERWAY

A core group of planners and marketers has been planning since January about how to build visibility and membership at the club. This effort has been spearheaded by Ron Swift, Lawrence Freeman, Bill Durkin and Doug Brookman. To date we have already made significant progress, so thanks to many for the following advances:

- New St. Tim's signage along Ingleside Avenue and Orban Alley
- Many upgrades to the Website remember this is where you schedule your play time! Many thanks to Ron Swift, our energizer web master/builder supreme and constant innovator
- 'Standing up' a Women's Marketing Group, dedicated to increasing opportunities and membership among women members. Initial members include Patti Sweeney and Beverly James.

We need additional volunteers to help us with our marketing and outreach efforts.



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SHOUT OUT TO OUR VOLUNTEER LEADERS

St. Tim's is a great little club and offers members great value at minimal expense because we have a cadre of volunteers dedicated to enhancing the club. These include:

- Pat Sweeney, treasurer and court maintenance obsessive, who manages the budget and whose constant vigilance really upgraded court conditions in the last few years
- Rick Becker and Paul Elliott, who manage and schedule 'arranged doubles play' on Sunday and Friday afternoons. If you want to be included contact them via email rickbecker2014@gmail.com and paelliott@verizon.net.
- Frank Klein, who spends many early morning hours rolling, sweeping and keeping an eye on the grounds
- Mel Comet, John Krasnoff, Terry Kreis, Dan Krimmelbein, Homer Riggins, Mike Rowe and Mark Schneider who have been contributing their time/expertise to court and grounds maintenance efforts.
- Art and Christine Grace who have been beautifying the club by planting flowers
- Bill Durkin who has lent a steady hand at the wheel as President

These individuals have contributed a lot in making St. Tim's a great little club. We owe them a big THANKS for all their efforts

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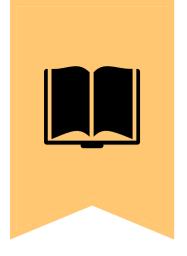
We are so pleased to welcome new members to the Club. They include:

- 1. Mark Bocchetti
- 2. Ronald Bryan
- 3. John Canty
- 4. Greg, Mike and Vince Cole
- 5. Bill Forand

- 6. Otto Imink
- 7. Royce Jones
- 8. Michele Jordan
- 9. Siva Kesavan
- 10. Caridad Pecore

- 11. Keith Prem
- 12. Charles Robinson
- 13. Margaret Singh
- 14. Jane Willeboordse
- 15. Earl Yarbro

Welcome, Welcome to All!



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CLUB INSTITUTES NEW MEMBER 'REFERRAL' BONUS —RECOGNIZING THREE REFERRAL 'STARS'

As a way encourage each of us to reach out to a friend who is not presently a member, the Club is creating a referral incentive to invite your friend to join. The enjoyment of playing with a friend, and a new addition to your group, should be inducement enough. However, if you are responsible for bringing in a new member, our member referrer will receive a 'four-pack' of tennis balls as a token of our appreciation.

We already have a three 'super referrers':

- Barbara Garmin—two new members:
- Terry Kreis—five new members; and,
- Mike Cheatham has been instrumental in recruiting new members from the BTC, with over six new members.

These efforts have been a real boost to the club! We are pleased that these individuals are attempting to bust the marketing budget! Now we all know where to turn for a new can this summer.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

We distribute a list of all members with contact information in early May and again in mid-June. Please contact Doug Brookman if the information needs to be changed.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

We are planning Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day celebrations at the club. More details about each holiday event will be distributed later however we need volunteers to help with preparations and planning.

USE OF SUBWAY RESTROOM FACILITIES

Some of our women members have requested an alternative to the use of our Porta-Potty. Our neighbor Subway, on Frederick Road, has graciously consented to the use of their restroom as an alternate facility. We truly appreciate their generosity. Their busy times are 11 am to 3 pm daily so please respect that. Please also be reminded to wear a mask if you enter their store.





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LEAGUE PLAY

St. Tim's participates in three competitive, interclub travel leagues as follows:

Tuesday, 6 PM League. Commissioner Rich Corkran (rcorkran@aol.com) and team Captain Bob Wobbeking (r.wobbeking@verizon.net) recently confirmed that the Tuesday 6 PM league will go forward this year. Play was suspended last year because of the pandemic. Each participating club will establish its own rules for members and visitors. These protocols will establish basic rules for mask wearing, distancing, pre-and post-match gathering, etc. Play has now commenced for this league.

A Thursday 6 PM Interclub Travel league is just now getting organized. Rich Corkran and Bob Wobbeking will also be shepherding this new league.

The Saturday 9:30 AM Travel league will also be reinvigorated this year, after last year's suspension. Julian Boyce (julianboyce@comcast.net) will be the team's Captain and will be sending invitations (pleadings, really) weekly to fill out our 8 person roster. The first match will be played May 15.

If you have an interest in playing in either of these competitive leagues you should contact the team Captain.

A SEASON FOR RENEWAL AND APPRECIATION

After over a year of disruption, worry and loss, this is truly a time for renewal and appreciation for our little tennis club. St. Tim's has been a staple for many of us and the past year was no exception. Personal schedules and normal patterns were disrupted, but St. Tim's, somehow, just kept on going. It was a balm in the midst of our turmoil.

As we move toward more normal times, we would once again like to thank our many, many volunteers and leaders who keep the club going. We especially welcome our new members. We hope our little club is as rewarding for you as it has been for many of us long-standing members.

Many thanks to all at St. Tim's! Looking forward to a fabulous season!

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