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Message from the President

新年快樂! Happy Chinese New Year! As I look out of my hotel window overlooking the beautiful night scene of the Bund Waterfront in Shanghai, I can't help but think what a great life this is. Like many of you, 2008 has been a defining year for me in many respects. The economic downturn in recent months has caused hardships for many of our friends and loved ones. I took a big step and retired from a company where I worked for the past 30 years. I have been very fortunate to have the opportunity to work abroad and experience an entirely different culture of the Far East. A day tour in Beijing had left me with a lasting impression of the rich ancient history which dated back thousands of years.



In Shanghai, I visited the Qi Zhong Stadium where the top eight tennis players in the world battled out in the Final Showdown of ATP tournaments. This is also where Daniel Nestor and his partner, Zimonjic, captured the most prestigious doubles title in 2008. Soon, I will be on an island called Xiamen located in the southern part of China where the beach weather is warm and sunny. The most amazing part of all is that I will be spending the Chinese New Year with my brother whom I have not seen in 7 years. I hope you too, had a peaceful and joyful festive season with your loved ones.

I'd like to welcome Elizabeth Jedrzejewski and Joanna Ong to the Agincourt Executive team. Unfortunately, Linda Tsang had to withdraw from the Secretary position due to her recent injury. We were very fortunate that Joanna agreed to step up and help fill this position as the Club Secretary. We wish Linda a speedy recovery to get well in time for the summer activities. Speaking of summer activities, I am told that Scarborough has been experiencing cold and snowy weather in recent days. With the unusual frequent snow storms we are experiencing this winter, summer activities such as outdoor tennis are probably the furthest thing on your mind. On the other hand, your elected Executives had been busy planning and designing summer events for our club. We are working on several initiatives that promise to be fun and exciting for our club members this season. In addition, I have appointed Wilson Young as the Triad Chair and Julian Ho and Daphnie Lai as the Triad Committee members for the upcoming season.

Your hardworking executives and I will be at Woodside Mall on March 21, 2009 to recruit new members. We will have a booth outside the Shopper's Drug Mart. Please stop by and say hello. Elizabeth is working on enhancing the new member recruitment program. For starters, you will receive a complimentary pass to our Winter Social for every new member that you bring along to sign-up for the club that night. This will be an excellent opportunity to bring your family and friends to join us for the coming season.

This year, the Rogers Cup will be held on August 15th to 23rd. The 4th annual Agincourt Tennis Club night at the Rogers Cup will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2009. This year is the Ladies turn in Toronto. Maria Sharapova, Ana Ivanovic and Williams sisters will be there just to name a few. We are expecting a big turn out and are planning many activities and door prizes for this event.

As most of you who attended the Annual General Meeting last September know, our club had a very successful year with a record number of new junior members recruited. Thanks to those of you who invited your family and friends to join our club. This year, Matthew Cheong, the Junior Chair person is working hard on improving our junior programs and events. You can find out about all the activities that are in store for our junior members in the Junior Newsletter.

Please note the time and the location for this year's Winter Social in this newsletter. See you all there!

President
Andy Chen

Winter Social

Our 13th Annual Winter Social will be held once again at the L'Amoreaux Tennis Centre on **Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** There will be a fee of \$6 per person. Pre-registration is required, so please **email Elizabeth Jedrzejewski at membership@agincourttennisclub.ca by February 25.**

Early Bird Special

The Early Bird rate will apply for **fees received on or before our Winter Social.** Mail your application in by March 1st if you are unable to attend the Winter Social. Early Bird cheques **must not** be post-dated **after February 28, 2009.**

Social Events

Official Club Opening pm)	Saturday, May 2	1:00 pm (Juniors 11:00 am - 1:00 pm)
Touch of Wimbledon	Sunday, June 28	9:00 am - 12 noon
OTA Wilson Tennis Fair	Friday, July 24	7:00 pm -9:30pm (Juniors 9:30am -12noon)
Club Closing Event	Saturday, Sept 5	1:00 pm (Juniors 11:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Note: There will be a refreshment fee of **\$3.00** per Adult; **\$2.00** per Junior.

Weekly Monday Round Robins

This very popular social event will once again run every **Monday Night from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. starting May 4th to September 7th.** All adult members, regardless of playing levels are welcome and encouraged to participate. No pre-arranged partners required, organized group matches will be arranged. Balls & refreshments will be provided. Any time changes will be posted at the clubhouse.

Weekly Friday Drop-In Social

This other popular social /competitive event will run every **Friday Night from 7:00 p.m. starting May 29th to September 7th**-(excluding special club social event nights). All adult members, regardless of playing levels are welcome and encouraged to participate. Balls will be provided. Any time or event changes will be posted at the clubhouse.

Tournament Dates To Be Arranged		
DATES	TOURNAMENT	LAST ENTRY DATE
JULY	MIXED DOUBLES	Early July
AUGUST	LADIES' DOUBLES	End of July
AUGUST	MEN'S DOUBLES	End of July
AUGUST	MEN'S AND LADIES' SINGLES	End of July

Adult Lessons

Adult Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Lessons will also be offered during the entire season on Sundays from 1-3pm. Cost for 6 (1-hour) lessons is \$40.00. Insufficient enrolment may force cancellation. Pre-registration on your application form is required. For more information on lessons, please email or call **Matthew Chuong** at juniorchair@agincourttennisclub.ca (416-268-3351).

Junior Programs

The Agincourt Tennis Club is committed to the development of our future stars by focusing our attention on their pleasure and enjoyment of tennis. With the Agincourt Tennis Academy for Kids (ATAK) which includes a variety of programs ranging from kids who want to have fun to a more competitive program, all levels will find a niche area where they will have fun and meet new friends.

For more details, please refer to the attached **Junior Newsletter**, visit our website or contact our **Junior Development Matthew Chuong** at juniorchair@agincourttennisclub.ca (416-268-3351).

Competitive Inter-Club Teams

Competitive play against other Scarborough Clubs provides excellent tennis competition and good fun. STF matches are played weekly from early May through to mid-August, beginning at 7:00p.m. Matches are made up of 2 Men's Doubles, 1 Ladies' Doubles and 2 Mixed Doubles. Our club has registered for the following teams this year:

- A-1 Team Agincourt's BestWednesday
- A-2 Team More of Agincourt's BestWednesday
- B-1 TeamThe Fun Seekers-Turn Serious.....Thursday
- B-2 TeamThe Fun Seekers.....Thursday

Team Selection

To be considered for participation on a STF Team, please indicate (check mark) on the application form and **return it no later than March 31st**. It is the responsibility of the Triad Committee to place players to the appropriate teams.

Please contact **Wilson Young** at wilson.young@rogers.com or 416-704-2293.

Team Try-out

Members who have **not** previously played on a STF Team are encouraged to come down to the courts and participate in the try-outs on **Saturday April 25 at 1:00 p.m.** and **Sunday April 26 at 1:00 p.m.** for possible placement.

For more details, contact Wilson Young at wilson.young@rogers.com or 416-704-2293.

Shoe Tags

Shoe tags are issued to identify our club members and must be worn at all times while at the courts. This helps us to protect our members' privileges. **Guest Fee** (\$5.00) will be strictly enforced.

Guest Fee

Guests and visitors are welcome, but are subject to a **\$5.00** guest fee per person. Each guest pass is valid for up to 3 hours on the date of issue. Club rules will apply to all guests and visitors.

Club Hours

Daily 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

	Junior	Family	Senior
Monday to Friday (during Summer Months)	4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)		6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Sunday	As per Junior Programs Schedule	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

(Intermediates and Juniors assigned with Senior privileges are eligible to play during Senior times.)

For more News and Event Updates, please visit our website at www.agincourttennisclub.ca