

Welcome to Scarborough Bluffs Tennis Club

Whether you are a new member, or a returning member of our Club we want to welcome you to another fine tennis season. We are located on historic Scarborough Bluffs, overlooking Lake Ontario and have one of the prettiest tennis club settings. We take pride in our club and encourage everyone to pitch in to keep it clean and desirable. The Club Executive is here to help you have the best tennis experience possible. We know you will enjoy your membership and look forward to seeing you on the courts.

The Club operates as a Community Non-Profit organization on Municipal Tennis Courts. We apply for an annual permit from the City of Toronto, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department; Parks and Recreation Division. We abide by the "Policies for Tennis Club Operations" by the former city of Scarborough, revised in 1994. We are a member of The Scarborough Tennis Federation (STF), our official parent body. As such, we are also a member of The Ontario Tennis Association (OTA) and Tennis Canada. We exist because of volunteers who work together to provide a Tennis Club environment that is a pleasure for all. Our Club Constitution is available to any member requesting a copy. Enjoy your tennis and your Club and help when you can.

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The SBTC Executive

The executive is comprised of SBTC members who choose to volunteer their time and talents. The positions that we strive to fill are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter & Handbook Editor, House League Convenor, Boys Junior STF Convenor, Girls Junior STF Convenor, Tournament Convenor, Lessons, Adult & Junior Development Convenor, Club Maintenance, Social Convenor, Membership Convenor and Adult STF Convenor.

If you are interested in any of these positions please inform an executive member of your interest.

For the names and numbers of the people currently filling these positions please see this year's Newsletters or the SBTC website <http://www.sbtennis.org>.

Membership

For further information leave at message at 416-261-0699

<u>Category</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Family (Parents & children)	\$150.00
Senior	60.00
Adult	65.00
Junior	30.00

As of January 1st, 2003, a Junior member is under 18 years of age, an Adult member is between 18 and 55 years of age, and a Senior member is over 55 years of age. A family membership can be

taken out for two parents and all Junior family members, in the same household.

Volunteering

Our Club is successful because many of our members who enjoy playing tennis have pitched in and helped in a thousand little ways. Executive members have duties, but cannot run the club by themselves. We need help with the grounds, nets, clubhouse, tournaments, junior activities, socials, round robins and mailings. If you can help in any way please let an executive member know of your interest.

Facilities

We have four courts at Cecil Crescent for our club use. At Cecil Crescent there is a clubhouse with washroom facilities. This is open when programs are in operation. It is locked at other times. Please use Court 1 last, to minimize the noise to the neighbours.

Club Rules

1. 30 minute playing limit applies if players are waiting and signed up according to the chalkboard on Court 2.
2. No singles to be played if other players are waiting.
3. All players, including juniors and guests, must wear proper tennis attire during club hours. Hockey, football, baseball shirts or jeans, are not permitted, and those playing topless, will be asked to leave the courts.
4. Shoe tags must be worn for verification of membership.
5. Profane and abusive language is prohibited and members are expected to show courtesy to each other at all times, on and off the courts.

6. Club and clubhouse property, including nets, boards and the courts themselves must not be abused. All litter must be deposited in the garbage containers provided inside and outside the clubhouse.
 7. Memberships are not interchangeable or refundable.
 8. Guest players will be charged \$2.00 per day. *
 9. Suggestions or complaints must be submitted to the club Membership Convenor.
 10. Change of address must be reported to the Membership Convenor.
- ? **Guests are non-members, accompanied by members who collect the fee and turn it over to the Treasurer via any Executive member.**

Clubhouse Rules

1. Outside light to remain ON for security and safety measures.
2. No loitering.
3. No unauthorized partying.
4. Ensure taps are turned off after use.
5. Member opening clubhouse must ensure the clubhouse is locked.
6. Pop and coffee machine available to all members.
7. If you dirty the dishes, please wash them. Kitchen must be kept clean at all times.
8. Check bulletin board in clubhouse for ongoing activities.
9. All executive members have keys to clubhouse.
10. Any member requesting a key must do so in writing to the Club Executive.

Booking the courts

Lessons, Leagues, Tournament and Events are pre-booked, sometimes leaving Court 4 open. You book a court by writing your name under the desired court on the Sign-up Board beside court 2, no earlier than one hour before your desired time of play. Please stay present at the courts so that people see that you are

ready to play. If you leave the premises, you may lose your booking. Please DO NOT erase someone's name unless they have agreed.

Junior/Adult/Senior Development

Joining the Scarborough Bluffs Tennis Club gives you more than just the opportunity to play tennis and meet people. As a member of STF and OTA, the Club provides organized opportunities for members to develop their individual potential. Three of these opportunities are lessons, round robins and tournaments.

Round Robins

These are organized events occurring several times during the season. The person running the round robin matches you up with three other players and you play 8 games. You'll play with a mix of beginners and seasoned veterans, and get to know many of your fellow club members. Watch the bulletin boards and plan to attend these fun evenings!

Tournaments

Every year the club holds a variety of tournaments for all players. In the past there has been a Junior Tournament, Parent and Child Tournament, an Adult Singles and Doubles Tournament, a House League Tournament and STBC has hosted the Scarborough Tournament of Champions. For further information on this year's tournaments please visit our website or review the Newsletters which are published regularly throughout the season.

Toronto Ladies Tennis League

We've been in this league for a long time. This B division league is

played on Wednesday mornings at various clubs throughout Metro. For the contact person please visit our website or review current Newsletters.

Scarborough Tennis Federation

This is a league where Scarborough clubs are encouraged to enter their own teams at various levels of play. These are the STF Teams and each week one club's team meets another club's team at the same level in competition. There is a basic fee that is charged per person to play on an STF team. Everyone is welcome to come to the annual STF tryouts. Please refer to our Newsletters or visit our website for the date of the tryouts and the name and number of this year's STF Convenor.

Intercounty Tennis Association

We've also been playing in the intercounty league for a long time. We are part of the Eastern Division. This league was created in 1962 to promote the advancement of tennis in Metropolitan Toronto, York, Peel, Halton and Durham counties. The ICTA Tennis Leagues are designed for competitive doubles tennis divided into four levels of play: Majors, A, B and C. For more information on this league visit www.intercountytennis.com.

Socially Speaking

Each year a number of activities are planned for members. These functions are usually at no additional cost to members and food and refreshments are served. Please refer to current Newsletters or visit our website for more information.

House League

Playing on a House League team is a popular way to improve one's skills, and at the same time meet new people. Every year we welcome new members to the club. House League is primarily designed to emphasize the social and recreational aspects of tennis. Teams are composed of a balanced selection of players who are

grouped according to skill level, from beginner to intermediate.

Please refer to the Self-Rating guide that is on the back of the Membership application. When your application form is received, your name is placed on a team. You and your team will play on a rotating schedule for the season.

Each team plays as many games as they can fit into their one hour allotted playing time. If it rains, the night is cancelled and the league continues as per the next week's schedule. Deuce games are not played out; the next point wins ("sudden death"); the receiving team has the right to decide which player will receive the final serve.

If for some reason a player cannot play when scheduled, s/he is responsible for recruiting a valid substitute. If there is an official spares list those players listed at the level of play required must be called first. Any player who is "on the bye" that week may then be called. All players are encouraged to be punctual so that everyone has time to warm up together and most of the hour is used for playing the match.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Each year there is an Annual General Meeting at the Club House which is usually held in September or October. Members will be given a minimum 2 weeks written notice and an agenda which will include as a minimum, reports of the Executive, Financial Statement and Election of the Executive. A quorum is 15 adult/senior members. Please plan to attend. Have your say and help make our club the best it can be.