

CLUB NEWS

Winter Solstice Edition - 'Tis the Tennis Season



**WEST
VANCOUVER
TENNIS
CLUB**

*OH, THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL,
BUT THE BUBBLE IS SO DELIGHTFUL!*



THE CLUB HOLIDAY HOURS

December 24 - Closed at 12:30pm

December 25 - Closed All Day

December 26 - Reopens at 12:30pm

December 31- Closed at 12:30pm

January 1 - Reopens at 12:30pm

Don't forget to sign
up!



GROCERY CARD PROGRAM

The Grocery Card Program, in partnership with Fresh Street Market and IGA, allows all our members (and their families and friends) to become involved, with very little effort for great impact.

If you haven't signed up yet, pick up a fundraiser card for either store at the Club's reception desk. Let's continue to make a difference together! You can read more about the program [here](#)



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MANAGER'S REPORT

A MESSAGE FROM SANDY

Dear Members,

I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to the members who have volunteered their time this past year. From Board representatives to event coordinators and workers, your contributions are immeasurable to the success of this club.

Since the commencement of our 2025/2026 membership year in June, the club has been filled with exciting activities and events. Most notable was our centenary event, celebrating the Club's 100th birthday. This event drew participants from throughout our community, and the feedback was tremendous. Hosting a successful event such as this takes great commitment from our Board and member volunteers.

Your Board also continues to work hard behind the scenes, ensuring the Club remains fiscally vibrant and that operations run smoothly, offering members access to one of the best-value facilities in the Lower Mainland. With over 250 people on the waiting list, the Club's future looks bright

For those of you who attended the recent SGM on November 19, you will know that we will be resurfacing our courts next summer. Many of you who have been members for some time will recall that court resurfacing is a periodic necessity, typically required every six to ten years.

It remains Board policy to include a maintenance contingency in the annual budget to ensure that we can fund required repairs and maintain a safe, well-functioning facility. This year, the primary maintenance focus is the court repair project. Many years ago, the Board established the Capital Cost Replacement Fund (CCRF), which we continue to replenish to support projects like this one.

On a more micro level, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for diligently following our guest policy and court-booking rules. As you know, winter is the busiest season for our Club and your cooperation helps ensure that playing opportunities are maximized for all members.

Wishing you all a wonderful winter season!

COACHING UPDATE

A MESSAGE FROM PAUL AND THE COACHING TEAM

As we wrap up another fantastic year, we wish each of you a joyful and relaxing holiday season. Thank you for bringing such great energy and sportsmanship to the courts. To our volunteers: you are the force that makes everything happen here at WVTC. Many thanks to each of you.

Participation is up! We had a record number of members attend the Bubble up Party, and the Mash-Up Mixer tournament sold out. Your feedback on the Mash-Up Mixer is greatly appreciated, as this was our first time using this format. It brought new energy and good camaraderie which we hope to build on in the coming year.

The next session of Adult Programs will commence on January 12. I imagine you will all be eager to get back on the courts post-holidays. Don't forget to mark your calendars for registration on December 22, 2025.

The Annual Club Championships will kick off on January 26, with registration opening on January 12. This event always draws strong participation, with the best in doubles competitive matches, played out over six days. We hope you'll come out to play and watch some exciting tennis!

Our very popular Wednesday Night Mixed Doubles gets underway on February 4. Sign up as a single and be prepared to mix it up with different partners over the course of eight weeks!

For those who may not know, our dear coach Ai has suffered an extensive knee injury. Her focus right now will be resting and building strength to get back on the court. We all wish her the very best in her recovery and miss her high energy and effervescent presence at the club.

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

NEWS AND EVENTS

DUNDARAVE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



We were lucky enough to have great weather and music while decorating the West Vancouver Tennis Club's Christmas tree at the Dundarave Festival of Lights on Saturday, November 29. Doesn't it look cheerful?

We were pleased to be joined by Lynne Hughes, Ai and Emi Carrie, Greg and Thomas Sheldon, and Kim Wilson-Sheldon. We hope many of you will get the chance to stroll through all the wonderfully decorated trees, located right in front of the Beach House Restaurant in Dundarave.

Check out their website for more information: dundaravefestival.com

View more photos from the event [here](#).

MEMBER SHOUTOUT: WAYNE DODDS

Wayne, one of our valued members who joined the Club 37 years ago, is still playing tennis multiple times a week at the age of 87.

He spent the first half of his career as a physics and math teacher before he pivoted to a middle-management computer specialization. Having been retired for the past 27 years, he's become quite the hobbyist and spends his free time playing musical instruments. He even composes "ad lib" solos and goes dancing five nights a week.

Our member Linda Green recently discovered that Wayne is part of the Jazz Jam band at the West Vancouver Seniors Centre. Pictured is Wayne in his usual garb, playing the valve trombone with his crew. Wayne (and his group liaison) really know their way around the instrument!

He has been playing and volunteering at the Seniors Centre since 2013, and since 2020 has helped organize registrations for their weekly Jazz Jam sessions.

Wayne's a guy who definitely has some interesting stories to share—maybe ask him about them when he's not busy hitting balls or jamming out.



NEWS AND EVENTS

COURT RESURFACING

As many of you may know, the Board called a Special General Meeting (SGM) of the membership to approve funding for the resurfacing of all five tennis courts in 2026. Membership turnout was high, and the motion was unanimously approved. Thank you to all who attended and provided proxies.

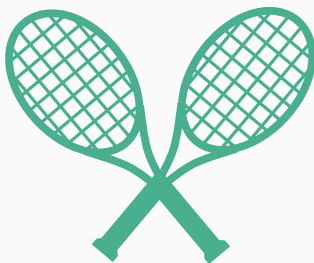
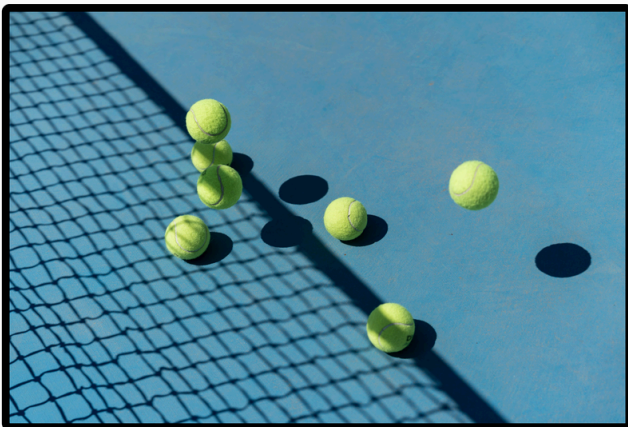
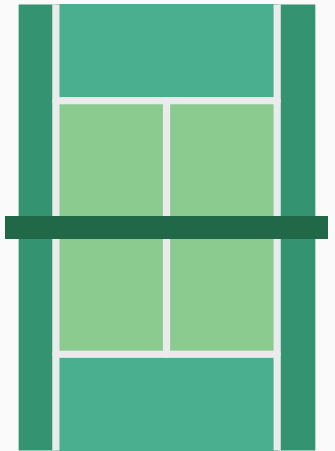
The work will be scheduled in two phases to minimize the impact on the junior programs and membership court bookings.

Phase One – Scheduled for early July 2026:

- Resurfacing of courts 1 and 2 only
- Duration: approximately five days (weather dependent)
- Level any birdbaths and Plexipave surface

Phase Two – Scheduled for August 2026:

- Courts 3, 4, and 5
- Duration: three weeks (weather dependent)
- Remove and replace asphalt, add gravel and three inches of new asphalt
- Level any birdbaths and Plexipave surface



Odlum Brown VanOpen

The Odlum Brown VanOpen is returning to the Hollyburn Country Club in 2026. We have agreed to offer them our Courts 1 and 2 for practice in 2026, and in 2027 and 2028, they will use four of our courts. Each year, the courts will be used for a one-week period during daytime hours.

In return, they have offered funding to assist with our court resurfacing, as discussed at the SGM.

This approach will be carried out in two phases, as our tennis professionals run programs throughout June and early July, and scheduling all courts to be remediated ahead of the Odlum Brown VanOpen would be too costly.

Should you have any further questions or concerns regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact our President, Geoff Adair.

EVENTS CALENDAR 2026

PROGRAM/EVENT	START DATE	END DATE
Junior Programs- Winter 2026	January 5, 2026	March 14, 2026
Adult Programs Jan - Feb 2026 (Term One)	January 5, 2026	February 7, 2026
League Drills	January 5, 2026	March 28, 2026
Club Championships	January 26, 2026	January 31, 2026
Wednesday Night Mixed Doubles	February 4, 2026	March 25, 2026
Adult Programs Feb - Mar 2026 (Term Two)	February 8, 2026	March 14, 2026
Adult Programs April - May 2026 (Term Three)	April 6, 2026	May 9, 2026
Junior Programs - Spring 2026	April 6, 2026	June 27, 2026

Questions?

Contact the Coaching Office at coaches@wvtc.ca.

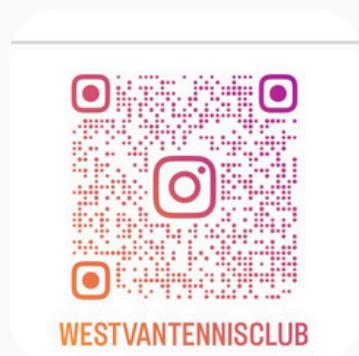
Tributes

BOB MIDDLEMASS 1935-2025

Bob was a lifelong tennis enthusiast and a longtime member of the West Vancouver Tennis Club, who played doubles until age 88. Sadly, Bob passed away on October 12, 2025. To read his obituary, please [click here](#)



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