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Dear Members,

I write to welcome you to the new season of the Rockcliffe Tennis Club, and to enlighten you on bits of news and events at your Club.

First, I must tell you that the Board is disappointed that so few of you have paid your annual dues – only 60% of you have paid as of yesterday. Although the Club is a “not-for-profit” organization, it is not a “not-for-revenue” operation; we have financial commitments to our staff and to the physical maintenance of the grounds and courts. I recognize that the inclement weather has kept you away from the courts but I beseech you to pay before the end of the weekend.

Second, the Board has decided to issue Membership cards this year as a means of identifying Members. The cards can be attached to your tennis bag or racquet cover to avoid keeping them in your wallet or purse. We have new club house attendants who may not recognize you when you arrive initially to play. Do not take offence if they ask you to show your card – they do so in the spirit of maintaining the Club for Members.

Third, the Board has reintroduced the previous success of organized and supervised mixed Round Robins. These will be held every Monday and Friday morning from 1000 to 1100hrs beginning this next Monday 30 May for ten weeks through the middle of August. Bosco Fernandez, the Director of Tennis, has agreed to reserve two courts and assist Members in the organization and play of the events. You can rely on Bosco to provide a congenial, organized, but competitive atmosphere for all who participate. I urge all past participants and current enthusiasts to present themselves this Monday.

Fourth, I am pleased to announce that the annual Summer Social Banquet will be held at the Club on Friday 17 June at 1800hrs. This year the Board has decided to experiment with a completely catered Banquet which will allow all Members ample opportunity to chat and mingle with your friends. The menu will be more varied than in the past; there will be dancing following dinner; wine and beer bars will be set up outside the Clubhouse on the lawn to ease traffic flow; and there will be a completely separate programme of games and food for the children on the hard courts. The cost of the Banquet will be slightly higher than last year - \$44.50 plus HST, rounding the price to \$50 per person, and \$15 for children under 14. Tickets will be on sale at the Club beginning today. The Board encourages Members to pay for their tickets by cash, cheque, or interac to avoid the credit card charge to the club.

Finally, I am able to announce the first Tuesday evening BBQ will be held on 21 June.

My best wishes, I look forward to your presence and good cheer.

David Adam

