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Tennis Manitoba Board of Directors

TENNIS MANITOBA, THE OFFICIAL GOVERNING

BODY for tennis in Manitoba, in compliance with the Tennis Manitoba Articles of Incorporation, recently sought out new members of the Board for 2011. The response received was outstanding, with 13 candidates nominated for the nine available positions.

The voting for the appointment of the Tennis Manitoba Board of Directors took place at the annual general meeting at the Sport Manitoba offices on Saturday, February 5. Delegates from all 12 member clubs were present.

Bruce Waschuk will serve as President of the Board for a one-year term.

Serving with Waschuk are Vice-President, Mohamed Ismath; Treasurer, Glen Ziprick; Secretary, Alexandra Gomez; Directors, David Scrapneck, Jake Bergen, Lisa Bayko, Shirley Jones and Selvi Varathappan.

The Board has divided tasks into four committees. Serving under each committee are the following:

David Scrapneck (Chair), Jake Bergen, Lisa Bayko, Shirley Jones for the Competitive Structures Committee

Mohamed Ismath (Chair) for the High Performance Committee

Selvi Varathappan (Chair) for the Community Development Committee

Alexandra Gomez (Chair) for the Resource Development Committee

Continuing on the Board from the previous year will be Selvi Varathappan and Mohamed Ismath.

The Board would like to thank outgoing Directors Jim Millican, Bill Rannard and Kris Robins for their commitment to the tennis community in our province. Millican will be serving as Past-President to the new Board.

The 2011 Board of Directors will be looking after many events for the year. Among them are the International Tennis Federation (ITF) U18 event and the Manitoba Open in July, and the Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet in November.

If you would like to get involved with any of the committees, and for more information **contact Tennis Manitoba through www.tennismanitoba.com**.



Board Members (L to R):

(Olga Berdyskhyk, assistant pro at WWC), Glen Ziprick (treasurer), Shirley Jones and Jake Bergen (both serving on the Competitive Structures Committee)

Deer Lodge / Tuxedo Open Results

Men's Open Singles Final

Kevin Kylar def. Igal Mostkov 6-2, 7-6 (3)

Men's 5.0 Singles Final

Trevor Borland def. Peter Eck 3-6, 6-4, 1-0 ret.

Men's 4.5 Singles Final

Ian Vincent Filoteo def. Jovial Anoling 6-3, 6-0

Men's 4.0 Singles Final

Michael Corrigan def. Miraj Soni 6-2, 6-2

Men's 3.5 Singles Final

Heath Vermette def. Jong Hoon Choi 6-1, 6-2

Men's 3.0 Singles Final

Serge Bohemier def. Darek Mikita 6-1, 6-1

Women's Open Singles Final

Evann Waschuk def. Erika Fridrik 6-2, 6-3

Women's 5.0 Singles Final

Emily Fridrik def. Ileana Ursatanu 6-1, 6-love

Women's 4.5 Singles Final

Ileana Ursatanu def. Hannah Blatt 7-6 (5), 6-4

Women's 3.5 Singles Final

Eunice Filoteo def. Reina Soltis 6-3, 6-1

Women's Open Doubles Final

Emily Fridrik/Ericka Fridrik def. Selvi Varathappan/
Lisa Bayko 6-4, 6-4

Men's Open Doubles Final

Igal Mostkov/Alan Gardiner def. Muzeen Ismath/Geoff
Kirbyson 7-5, 7-5

Men's 5.0 Doubles Final

Dave Roberts/Jamie Mercury def. Shane Nicholls/Noel
Pe 6-3, 6-2

Men's 4.5 Doubles Final

Jovial Anoling/Ian Vincent Filoteo def. Scott Masterson/
Kyle Guenther 6-3, 6-4

Men's 4.0 Doubles Final

Jake Bergen/Gang He def. Earinprett Singh/Patrick Fu
6-3, 6-4

Men's 3.5 Doubles Final

Matt Scalena/Mack Ritcher def. Mike Bockstael/Vishal
Kaushik 6-0, 0-6, 7-6 (2)

Men's 3.0 Doubles Final

Helder Serpa/Rob Haiko def. Phil Spevack/Arun Ogale
6-2, 6-2

Mixed Open Doubles Final

Erika Fridrik/Muzeen Ismath def. Kylie Waschuk/Peter
Eck 6-2, 6-3

Mixed 4.5 Doubles Final

Susan Blumenschein/Mike Bockstael def. Alicja Mikita/
Darek Mikita 6-0, 6-3

Mixed 4.0 Doubles Final

Cassidy MacDonald/Bruce MacDonald def. Reina Soltis/
Thanh Ly 6-0, 6-3



Arun
Ogale



Peter Eck



Ana
Zaifman

Hannah
Blatt

2011 Manitoba Open

2011 Manitoba Open - committee message

ON BEHALF OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE, I'd like to welcome all players and spectators to the 2011 Manitoba Open at the Winnipeg Lawn Tennis Club.



Tennis Manitoba has made a number of changes this year to strengthen tournaments in the province. For example "dropdown" events with good quality prizes have replaced consolations, and tournaments have been made shorter and more focused. The Deer Lodge/Tuxedo Open, the first stop on this summer's adult tournament schedule, attracted over 100 participants.

Building on this momentum, the Tournament Committee looks forward to a highly successful Manitoba Open this year. I want to thank all the volunteers and sponsors for their support of this province's premier tennis tournament. When you're at the Winnipeg Lawn Tennis Club, be sure to thank the volunteers for all their hard work. From running the draw desk to helping out with the social event, the tournament wouldn't be possible without their dedication.

As always, the tournament will showcase Manitoba's best tennis players (and some from outside the province). I encourage all tennis fans to come watch the matches and add to the great atmosphere at the Winnipeg Lawn Tennis Club. Enjoy the 2011 Manitoba Open!

Sean Grassie

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Tournament Director



Tony Larson

*2010 Manitoba Men's Open
Singles Final Champion (on left)
pictured with runner-up*

Kevin Kylar

2011 Manitoba Open - order of play

Tuesday, July 19

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 5:00 pm | Men's and Women's Singles | Main Draw Qualifying |
| 6:30 pm | Men's and Women's Singles | Main Draw Qualifying |
| 8:00 pm | Men's and Women's Singles | Main Draw Qualifying |

Wednesday, July 20

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 5:00 pm | Men's and Women's Singles | Main Draw Qualifying |
| 6:30 pm | Men's and Women's Singles | Main Draw Qualifying |
| 8:00 pm | Mixed Doubles | Quarterfinals |

Thursday, July 21

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 5:00 pm | Men's and Women's Singles | Round of 16 |
| 6:30 pm | Men's and Women's Singles | Round of 16 |
| 8:00 pm | Mixed Doubles | Semifinals |

Friday, July 22

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 10:00 am | Men's and Women's Singles | Quarterfinals |
| 12:00 pm | Men's and Women's Singles | Quarterfinals |
| 3:00 pm | Men's Doubles | Round of 16 |
| 5:00 pm | Women's Doubles | Quarterfinals |
| 7:00 pm | Men's Doubles | Quarterfinals |

Saturday, July 23

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------|------------|
| 10:00 am | Men's and Women's Singles | Semifinals |
| 12:00 am | Men's and Women's Singles | Semifinals |
| 3:00 pm | Men's Doubles | Semifinals |
| 5:00 pm | Women's Doubles | Semifinals |
| 7:00 pm | Mixed Doubles | Final |

Sunday, July 24

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 10:00 am | Men's Singles Final |
| To follow, not before 12:00 pm | Women's Singles Final |
| To follow, not before 2:00 pm | Men's Doubles Final |
| To follow, not before 4:00 pm | Women's Doubles Final |

Saturday, July 23 – Thursday, July 28

All 4.5 and 3.5 events (singles and doubles)

**Evann Waschuk (L)
and Muzeen Ismath**

*2010 Manitoba Open Mixed
Doubles Champions*



2011 Manitoba Open - player preview

MUCH OF THE BUZZ IN MANITOBA TENNIS THIS SUMMER has centered on the young guns – **Kevin Kylar** and **Igal Mostkov** lead the men's Open singles rankings, while **Evann Waschuk** holds the top spot in the women's Open singles. All three players are still juniors, and will no doubt catch the attention of tennis fans at this year's Manitoba Open.

But don't forget about 45-year-old Ray Daumler.

Daumler, a three-time Manitoba Open singles champion (1986, '87 and '89), will play the tournament for the first time in 10 years. Last year, Daumler won the Sargent Park Open as well as the 45+ singles title at the Western Senior Championships. He also placed second at the Eastern Seniors in his age category. It was Daumler's first season back in competitive tennis after being away from the sport for nine years.

"Overall a terrific comeback and season, I would say, for so much time off," said Daumler, who missed last year's Manitoba Open to compete in the National Senior Championships. He was later named to the world senior team.

Apart from the occasional 15-minute hit at the lake, Daumler didn't pick up a racquet in his nine years off from tennis. But he didn't let his fitness slip.

"The whole family went into martial arts," said Daumler. "There are three out of four black belts in the family. It kept us in really good shape."

With his comeback, Daumler has now compiled a remarkable record in the junior, adult and senior ranks. At around age eight, he got into the sport with some beginner lessons at Sargent Park. He won the first tournament he played in, was ranked second in Canada for his age group by age 11, and won two rounds in the Orange Bowl World Junior Championships at 13.

"I played a lot of sports, but when I was about 11, I decided that I wanted to do this (play tennis) competitively."
said Waschuk,

Daumler says he can pass on some of his wisdom to the younger crop of players.

"I've got some good experience and I maybe can help to improve these guys a little bit," said Daumler. "That's part of my motivation (for returning to competitive tennis)."

At age 16, he lost the 1982 Manitoba Open final to George Kylar. Today, Daumler is battling George's son, Kevin, on the tennis court. The two met in the semifinals last November at the Winnipeg Indoor Open at the Winnipeg Winter Club. Kevin Kylar won the match and went on to win the title.

Kylar, in fact, has won the men's Open singles at the last three Tennis Manitoba tournaments. At just 16 years old, he'll be one to keep a close eye on at this year's Manitoba Open.

Kylar's breakthrough in the men's ranks came at the 2010 Manitoba Open. He reached the men's final, dropping a hard-fought 6-1, 7-6 (9) match to Minnesota's Tony Larson.

"To win two good matches and play Larson tight was good, and obviously (the results) kept snowballing," said Kylar, who won the 2011 Deer Lodge/Tuxedo Open, the first stop on his summer's adult tournament schedule.

Like Kylar, Sean Lacap found success in the Manitoba Open at a young age. He was around 15 when he won his first of three straight men's Open doubles titles. The last one stands out the most for Lacap. He was paired with Doug DeVriendt, Manitoba's top ranked player, and their doubles final was broadcast on local TV.

"That was kind of cool," Lacap said of playing in front of the cameras. "I felt like a bit of a pro."

Lacap was just four years old when he took up the sport. He spent hour after hour as a youngster hitting tennis balls at Sargent Park. His home and the school he attended were right by the courts – he would go there after school and even during lunch breaks to work on his game.

Lacap served notice early in 2011 that he'll be a strong contender on the tournament circuit this summer. He beat Daumler in the quarterfinals at the Deer Lodge/ Tuxedo Open before falling to youngster Igal Mostkov in three sets in the next round.

"I'm joining the veterans' ranks, which is kind of funny," said Lacap, a business student at the University of Manitoba.

Leading the women's field at the Manitoba Open will be Evann Waschuk. In each of the last two years, Waschuk captured the women's singles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles championships at the tournament. Her most memorable win came two years ago in the women's doubles final – she and Erika Fridrik came back from a 5-1 deficit in the third-set tiebreak to win 7-5 over Clarissa Chen and Anita Paskvalin.

Like Lacap, Waschuk was four years old when she got into tennis.



Ray Daumler

3-time Manitoba Open singles champion



Doug DeVriendt and Sean Lacap

*holding doubles trophy (after winning
2006 Manitoba Open doubles)*

2011 Manitoba Open - player preview

"I was watching TV and told my parents I wanted to do that," said Waschuk, who graduated this year from Vincent Massey Collegiate. "I played a lot of sports, but when I was about 11 I decided that I wanted to do this competitively."

Waschuk is aiming for her third straight triple crown at the Manitoba Open this year. The tournament runs July 19-28 at the Winnipeg Lawn Tennis Club. Come out and watch, or for results, visit www.tennismanitoba.com (click on "Open Tour").

Sean Grassie

Tournament Director
Manitoba Open



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Canadian Mid-West ITF U18 Preview

Junior Tennis Players from Around the World Come to Winnipeg!

International tennis returns to Winnipeg again this summer with the **Canadian Mid-West ITF U18** tournament at the **Winnipeg Lawn Tennis Club from July 17-23**. Junior players from afar will compete for world ranking points. Come enjoy this free event, and watch the future stars of professional tennis.

The Tennis Canada National Training Centre is sending a team, and junior players from Mexico, the United States, England, Germany, Malaysia, Bermuda and Venezuela are entered. Some of these top junior players will stay and play in the **Manitoba Open (July 19-28)** – could we see a junior player from out of town upset our local Manitoba talent? Top world female junior players in the Manitoba Open can only add dimension and depth to the field.

High-calibre local juniors will compete and contend. Entrant **Igal Mostkov** has trained down at the Bollettieri Tennis Academy this year and plays against many top junior players. The Canadian Mid-West ITF U18 gives other local juniors exposure to world-class tennis competition on home turf without the expense and hassle of travel. Mostkov says this same tournament held in Winnipeg last year was his “first international tournament – it was good to play at home and not have to fly.”

What about our new crop of Manitoba tennis players? Watching the best juniors play in Winnipeg gives a sense of reality and possibility to young tennis dreamers here in the province. **Qualifying rounds run July 17 and 18. Main event singles and doubles run July 19 to July 23.**

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Igal Mostkov

New Directions for Tennis Tournaments in Manitoba

A Message from the Competitive Structures Chair

TENNIS MANITOBA (TM) SANCTIONED ADULT TENNIS TOURNAMENTS are better for participants this year after a few changes. Tennis Manitoba is following these simple principles:

- ◆ Keep the matches competitive – the right players in each category.
- ◆ Reduce time commitments for the players.
- ◆ Provide an environment that is enjoyable for all – the fun factor!

The most important component of our plans was hiring a tournament director to run the adult TM sanctioned tournaments for the 2011 year, starting with the Deer Lodge/Tuxedo Open. Tennis Manitoba is funding this position in 2011. The same staff member at every event ensures consistency, and players know what to expect. We welcome Sean Grassie as our new tournament director.

Keeping Matches Competitive

- ◆ Players who have won two tournaments in the past three years are promoted to the next level (i.e.

elevated from 3.5 to 4.5). Tournament results are reviewed after each event, and any new promotions made.

- ◆ We have removed consolations from the events and will have a category dropdown for those who lose in the first round.
 - For men's and women's Open singles events this year, a qualifying round exists for draw sizes greater than 12.
 - "Dropdown" events have replaced consolations: players losing in the first round of the Open qualifying round drop down to 5.0, players losing in the first round of 4.5 drop down to 4.0, and those losing in the first round of 3.5 drop down to 3.0.
 - In the past, consolation draws haven't received the same priority as other events (i.e. older balls are used, matches are often pro-sets) and many players default. This will change with the "dropdown" events. All matches are best-of-three sets, good quality balls are used (like at any other event), ranking points are earned, and prizes are awarded to the finalists of each event.
- ◆ We are instituting guaranteed minimum prize money for each event that has a minimum of eight entrants. With a larger draw, the prize money may increase from this minimum. We have a prize money guarantee due to sponsorship by Tennis Manitoba.
- ◆ Seedings are consistent and based on "Made-in-Manitoba" points with a 2011 baseline established by a committee. Variations in seedings are allowed in exceptional circumstances but require consensus from a minimum of three authorized persons.
- ◆ Junior players can enter the Open draws, only unranked juniors are eligible to enter the 4.5 events, and juniors aren't permitted in the 3.5 events.



- ◆ Year-ending tour finals are held where the top eight players in each category are invited to compete.

Reduce the Time Commitment

- ◆ As each category is run concurrently, a player's commitment is less than five days should they advance to the finals.
 - With focused, shorter tournaments, players advancing won't experience days without play between matches.
- ◆ Some tournaments are split between two venues so more courts are used, and time commitments are shortened.
- ◆ Some tournaments are more focused. For example, 3.5 and 4.5 categories only, or Open and Senior's categories only, or a doubles only tournament.
- ◆ Ideally, with more focused tournaments and shorter time commitments, we will attract players who haven't entered tournaments before or those who stopped playing due to the time commitment required.

Fun Factor

- ◆ Tennis is a naturally fun game. If we get you on the court, you should have a great time.
 - Our tournament directors do their best keeping schedules up-to-date and minimizing wait times. All schedules and scoring are updated to the TM website live from the tournament site.
- ◆ Luncheons or other similar events are planned for each tournament so players can socialize and enjoy the tournament experience.
- ◆ Welcome packages include a gift and are given at each tournament.
- ◆ Player surveys are given at the tournaments for feedback so we can further enhance the overall experience.



Selvi Varathappan

Chair for the Community Development Committee

The Competitive Structures Committee has made a number of changes in a very short period of time in 2011. The Board and Committee were elected four months later than in a normal year, but there is a "can do" attitude where we do the walk and not just the talk. So while we expect a few bumps in the road, we're travelling forward with confidence.

We are looking for your feedback, not just on these changes, but on what else can enhance the tennis experience in Manitoba. I'd like to thank my committee members – Lisa Bayko, Shirley Jones, Jake Bergen and Glen Ziprick – for their tireless contributions so far this year. I am also grateful to the member clubs as well as the TM Board for supporting our changes in principle and financially.

David Scrapneck

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Competitive Structures Chair for Tennis Manitoba

Canadian Players Rise in World Rankings

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Rebecca Marino
(#39 WTA World Ranking)

Photo courtesy of Tennis Canada



Milos Raonic
(#26 ATP World Ranking)

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