

## Fast Strokes

### Happy Pride!

Marc Mitchell invites all TLGTA members to stop by 38 Dundonald for a post pride parade beer on **Sunday, July 4**

### Go Nadal!

Team Nadal are the 2010 Winter Team Tennis Champions. Congrats Stephen, Daniel, Wayne, Bruce, Jesse, Bobby, Adam and Daniel!

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## 2010 Membership Drive Recap | *Mike Krieger*



On April 11th 2010... TLGTA held its annual membership drive. Our membership drive has always been a great opportunity to gear things up for the upcoming spring/summer season along with reconnecting with members that we may not see during the Winter Season. As the Membership Coordinator it was my responsibility to ensure the day went off without a hitch. One of our goals with the membership drive is to attract new members to continue expanding our existing membership base and build for the future of our league.

It was a great day....lots of social interaction, lots of returning members and quite a few new members as well. The membership drive presented a great opportunity for us to interact with people and let them know what TLGTA is all about. Over the last 2 or 3 months we have made a concerted effort to get ourselves out there via Facebook and other social media. It has paid off for us... we had many new members join that discovered us via the Internet.

To speak from personal experience.... I joined the TLGTA a few years ago and it has been a great experience for me. I have met a lot of great people, made some great lifelong friends and love spending time with people who share my passion for tennis. Not only are there many different and great tennis opportunities (Team tennis, social tennis and tournaments) but there are some great social events as well so when the racquets are put away there has been a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. I can't wait for the 2011 Membership Drive!

## TLGTA and Toronto Tennis City join forces | *Artour Kassimov*

TLGTA would like to announce that we are partnering with **Toronto Tennis City Club** for our upcoming House Tournament (see **What's On** for the dates), Winter Team Tennis and Winter Social Tennis. **Toronto City Club** is formerly known as **Greenwin Tennis Club**, whom we have worked with previously to host these events in addition to clinics led by certified professionals within TLGTA. They have 5 clay courts and a Sports Bar with Patio, located in Midtown, Yonge and Davisville area (accessible via TTC) at 185 Balliol Street (647.381.6464).

- Year Round Facility
- Memberships Available
- All Ages
- Kids & Junior Camps
- Adult Clinics



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-Adrian Chang

## A Message from the President | Adrian Chang

The 2010 TLGTA Season is well underway and I want to thank you for your support of the club. I'll always have memories of my first TLGTA Opening Day four years ago. In Spring '06, a buddy of mine and I said we would pick a sport to play in the community. He knew I loved tennis and figured he always wanted to try it. He came across an ad for TLGTA in XTRA and it wasn't long before Chris Liu, Bruno, David Pradana, Artour, Richard Bell and Chris Ng had ushered us into the league. That day, it rained a bit, making the slick Ramsden Park courts, even slicker. The execs got the brooms out and were determined to open the season, rain or shine. XTRA attended our opening day and I still have the clipping of article with yours truly in the photo with sloppy footwork and wearing apparel from multiple sponsors. My friend on the other hand looked more like a fashion model than a tennis

player - managing to play in flip flops, Capri pants, and Gucci glasses. Clearly only one of us had real intentions of playing tennis. Now some four years later, even though that I've lost touch with the buddy who introduced me to the club, I'm still very much a part of TLGTA, the sport I love and people like you who make the club unique.

Dante, Artour, Vong, Mike and Julius share my passion about the club and we have made great progress very quickly. We have updated our website, supported two charitable organizations through our events (BallsOut - OutYouth, Opening Day - Philpotts) and we relaunched our newsletter, and overhauled our ladder process. The latter items were part of the surveys that a number of you submitted prior to our opening day. We also received feedback that TLGTA needs to put a plan in place to improve the court conditions for our Summer Social Tennis. Rest

assured, we will commit to having a plan in place to address this by the end of the summer, and will outline how you can be part of that process before our Annual General Meeting and banquet in October. I invite you to be part of our momentum and find ways to make TLGTA your own this year. Whether its taking the time to email us with feedback, coming to our events, volunteering or offering suggestions as to how we can continue to grow the club, it makes a difference.

Looking forward to spending the summer season with you. See you on the courts!

Best,  
Adrian Chang, TLGTA  
President

## Interested in helping Philpott's bring tennis to over 5,000 children in the GTA? | Adrian Chang

Thanks to all of you who donated your old rackets during our Membership Drive! Beth Dea, Executive Director of Philpott Children's Fund (the only organization focused on children and tennis in Canada) was on hand to accept the rackets at Ramsden Park.

Their summer tennis camps run from **M-F 9am-1pm from July 5<sup>th</sup> to August 20<sup>th</sup>**. You have an opportunity to help out at these camps which are free for children and youth, ages 5-15. TLGTA members and friends are encouraged

to email Kris Engel, Summer Supervisor to determine how you can help during these camps. Contact [kristiaanengel@yahoo.com](mailto:kristiaanengel@yahoo.com) or 416-571-9052.

*Camp Locations: Cabbagetown Youth Centre, Dovercourt Boys & Girls Club, Flemington Park Community Centre (CC), Grandravine CC, Jimmie Simpson Community Recreation Centre (CRC), John Innes CRC, Kingsview Village CC, Malvern CRC, Maple Leaf Park, McGregor Park CRC, Parkdale CRC, Oakridge CRC, San Romanoway*



## Balls Out: A Night of Stand Comedy | *Vong Sundara*

Balls Out was an event full of firsts for me. The show was my first time in the producer's chair as well as my first time as MC on a comedy show instead of a featured performer. I think I did a better job at the former than the latter, but overall I was really happy with the event. I definitely learned a lot about producing and MCing for sure.

On the production side of things, I was really happy that all the gay comedians in Toronto were able to get together to put on a show for an enthusiastic crowd. I'm still amazed that we sold out the show, mostly through presales before the event!

I was lucky enough to have great volunteers in Julius

Isidro, Edward Lee and Van Cung to help with the event. We arrived at Buddies in Bad Times at 5:00 p.m. for soundcheck and setup. I was super nervous because I still hadn't memorized all my material and knew that we needed about 20 walk-in patrons to fully sell out.

This being my first production, I didn't know what to expect as far as when everyone would show up. Amazingly, the crowd was early, and we were able to start the show on time (well, within five minutes of on time anyhow).

I was really nervous on stage as MC, and unfortunately I think it kind of showed, but luckily the comedians saved my butt

by giving amazing performances. TLGTA members, Stephen Sharpe and Doug Taylor, were especially amazing because we got to see a different side to them along with closer Ted Morris, who blew the crowd away with his brand of humour.

Overall, I think the event was a huge success. I'm happy that the show sold out, and we were able to raise \$475 for youth sports outreach programs in Toronto. It was a pleasure working with TLGTA, and I hope everyone had a great time, because I know that I did and so did the other performers.



Vong Sundara – 2010 TLGTA Social Director & Balls Out Host





## TLGTA makes a racket at CGO | *Dante Lescano*

The 17th edition of the Canadian Gay Open was held last May 1st to 3rd at the Ontario Racquet Club in Mississauga. Congratulations to the following participants!

**This year's CGO played host to 143 players all over Canada, the USA and Europe.**

Visit <http://glta.net> to find our more about the other tournaments around the World

- Justin Beck
- Richard Bell
- Dino Bertucci
- Wayne Cadeau
- Michael Cameron
- Adrian Chang
- Andrew Chang
- Alvin Chia
- Jules Chiasson
- Mark-Anthony Chin
- Rocky Chow
- Bruno Des Rosiers
- Stephen Ellison
- Marijo Gagula
- Greg Garrison
- Mike Goniotakis
- Daniel Holland
- Douglas Hum
- Julius Isidro (C Singles Champion)
- Willaim Jackson (B Singles Finalist)
- Artour Kassimov
- Mike Krieger
- Andre Lafantaisie
- Long Le
- Dante Lescano Jr
- Joseph Luk
- Larry Marshall
- Dave McLaren
- Alon Metser
- Marc Mitchell
- Lee Moore
- Eric Mykhalovskiy
- Chris Ng
- Bobby Nijjar
- Allan Porlares
- Drew Post (D Doubles Champion)
- David Pradana
- Adam Rankin (D Doubles Champion)
- Nestor Rueda
- Norman Russell
- Jeffrey Sotto (A Singles Champion)
- Vong Sundara
- Ian Sutherland
- Jesse Teitel
- Waimin Wang
- Michael Waterston
- Shaun Young
- Frank Zappone (A Consolations and A Doubles Champion)



Visit the CGO website, <http://www.cgopen.ca>, for complete list of winners and for event photos. See you all next year!

## French Open Party at Pegagus

Thanks to those who attended our replay of the French Open Party at Pegagus. Francesca Schiavone makes history being the first Italian Woman to win a Grand Slam over the favourite Sam Stosur. We made sure Joe Lee got his chicken wings and Will Jackson was on hand to help us with a DVD malfunction!



## Friends of TLGTA



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Facebook Fan Page: [www.facebook.com/tlgta](http://www.facebook.com/tlgta)

## What's On?

**July 4: Marc's Post Parade Party - come for a beer / 138 Dundonald Street ~ 5pm**

**July 17: Island Picnic - Hanlan's Point / Join us for our annual summer picnic and social tennis event. <http://www.tlgta.ca>**

**Aug 10: TLGTA goes to Rogers Cup / \$55 - first come, first serve via email at [tlgta@yahoo.ca](mailto:tlgta@yahoo.ca)**

**Aug 28-29: Annual TLGTA House Tournament (Singles) - NYTC ( North York Tennis Club)**

**Sep 11<sup>th</sup> Weekend: Annual TLGTA House Tournament (Doubles) - NYTC ( North York Tennis Club)**

### Summer 2010

TLGTA Ladder

Saturday Social Tennis at Ramsden Park

Summer Team Tennis at Winston Churchill

**October 2010: Annual General Meeting & Banquet - Courtyard Marriott**